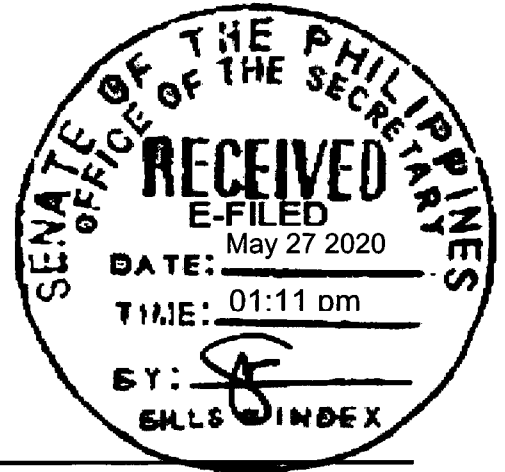


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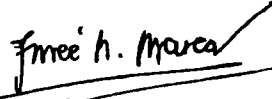
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. It is the policy of the state to ensure that all communities have access to quality and accessible healthcare.

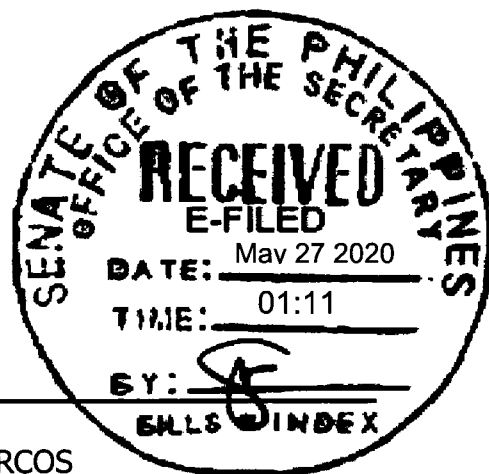
The Orani District Hospital is a fifty (50) bed capacity hospital catering to the medical and health care needs of the municipality and its neighboring municipalities. Based on the latest census, the population of the Municipality of Orani has reached 66,909. Based on records, patients that need admission has been increasing and the fifty (50)-bed capacity is inadequate to provide the needs of the residents of Orani and other communities that come and seek its services. It must be noted that since the inception of the hospital, it has continuously served, without fail and it will continue to do so once its authorized bed capacity is increased and its facilities upgraded.

To address this issue, this bill proposes to convert the Orani District Hospital from a fifty (50) bed capacity district hospital to a two hundred (200) bed capacity Level 2 general hospital, thereby renaming it to the Orani General Hospital. This would make professional medical and health care more accessible to those who are residents of Orani and its neighboring communities.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 Section 1. The Orani District Hospital located in the Municipality of Orani,
2 Province of Zambales, is hereby upgraded into a level 2 general hospital and its
3 authorized bed capacity increased from fifty (50) to two hundred (200) beds.
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5 Section 2. The Orani District Hospital shall hereafter be renamed as the "Orani
6 General Hospital," hereinafter referred to as the Hospital.
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8 Section 3. The increase in bed capacity of the Hospital shall be implemented
9 for a period of two (2) years from the approval of this Act.
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11 Section 4. The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services
12 of the Hospital shall correspondingly be upgraded to include the increase of medical
13 personnel. The Department of Health (DOH) shall promulgate the necessary rules and
14 regulations of the effective implementation of this Act.
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16 Section 4. The DOH, through its approved annual budget, shall initially provide
17 the necessary funding to support the increase in bed capacity of the Hospital. The
18 entire budgetary requirements of Hospital for its operation and the upgrading of its
19 facilities and services shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act the
20 following year of its enactment.
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22 Section 5. The Department of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and
23 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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Section 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,