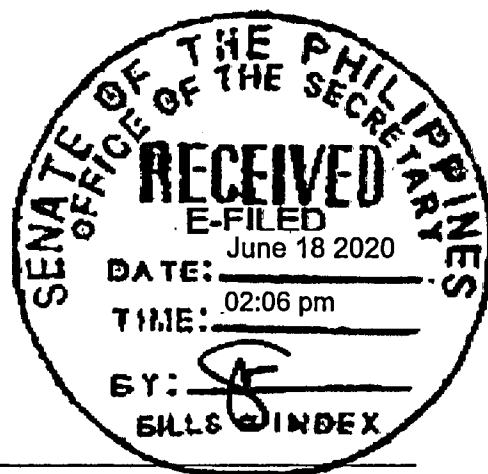


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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 Novaliches District Hospital in Barangay Bartolome, Quezon City offers medical and health care services to the residents of the municipality and its neighboring communities. The current medical facilities and financial resources of the hospital is limited and thus, advanced medical and surgical procedures cannot be performed. The pressing problem is that the nearest tertiary hospital is at least 60 kilometers away and is inaccessible for those in need of urgent medical care.

To address this problem, this bill seeks to upgrade the Novaliches District Hospital into a tertiary public hospital. The facilities therein shall likewise be upgraded and modernized to be more responsive to the medical and health care needs of the people in Barangay Bartolome, Quezon City and its neighboring communities.

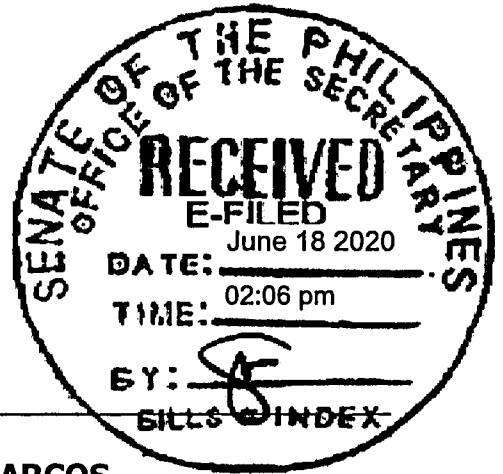
In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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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 Novaliches District Hospital located in Quirino Highway in
2 Barangay San Bartolome in Quezon City is hereby upgraded into a level 3 general
3 hospital.

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5 Section 2. The Novaliches District Hospital shall hereafter be renamed as the
6 "Novaliches General Hospital," herein after referred to as the Hospital.

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8 Section 3. The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services
9 of the Hospital shall correspondingly be upgraded to include the increase of medical
10 personnel. The Department of Health (DOH) shall promulgate the necessary rules and
11 regulations of the effective implementation of this Act.

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13 Section 4. The DOH, through its approved annual budget, shall initially provide
14 the necessary funding to support the increase in bed capacity of the Hospital. The
15 entire budgetary requirements of Hospital for its operation and the upgrading of its
16 facilities and services shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act the
17 following year of its enactment.

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19 Section 5. The Department of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and
20 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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22 Section 6. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or other issuances
23 or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or
24 modified accordingly.

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26 Section 7. If any portion or provision of this act is declared unconstitutional,
27 the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force
28 and effect.

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1 Section 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
2 Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,