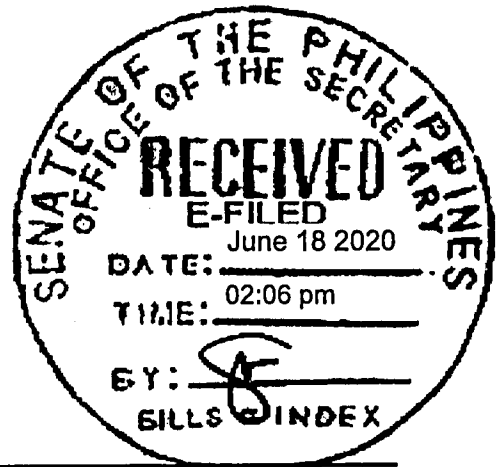


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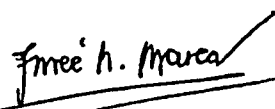
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution, under Article II, Section 15 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.

Panabo City is an agro-industrial and third class city in the Province of Davao del Norte. At present, there is no public hospital located in Panabo City. Indeed, there is an urgent need to establish a district hospital in Panabo City to provide an affordable and accessible medical services to the people.

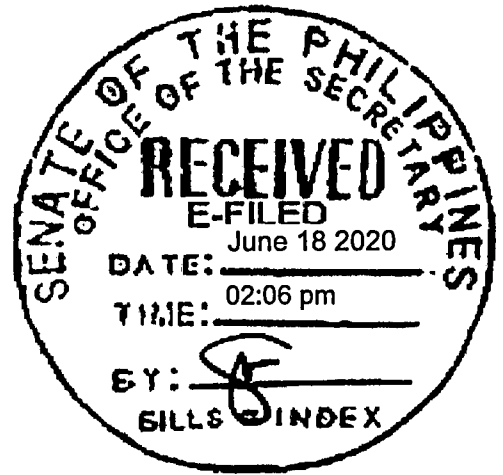
This measure aims to establish a twenty-five (25) bed capacity district hospital in Panabo City to be known as Panabo City District Hospital in order to conform with the policy of the State.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure 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. There shall be established, under the direct supervision of the  
2 Department of Health, a twenty-five bed capacity district hospital in Panabo City,  
3 Davao del Norte, to be known as the Panabo City District Hospital.
- 4           Sec. 2. The Department of Health shall issue the necessary rules and  
5 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.
- 6           Sec. 3. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's  
7 program, the establishment, operation and maintenance of the Panabo City District  
8 Hospital, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's  
9 appropriations of the Department of Health. Thereafter, such sums as may be  
10 necessary for the capital outlay and the continued operation and maintenance of the  
11 Panabo City District Hospital shall be included in the annual General Appropriations  
12 Act.
- 13           Sec. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication  
14 in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*