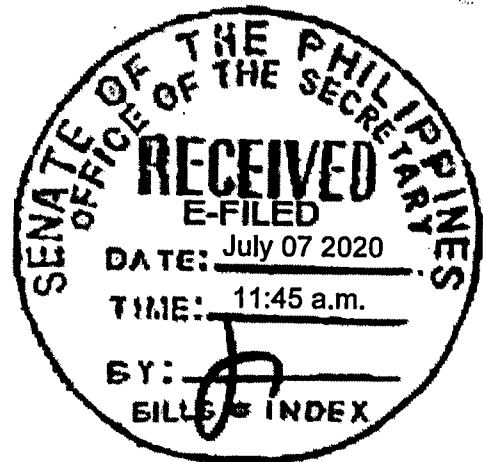


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our Constitution, Article II, Section 15 provides that "*The State shall protect and promote 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.

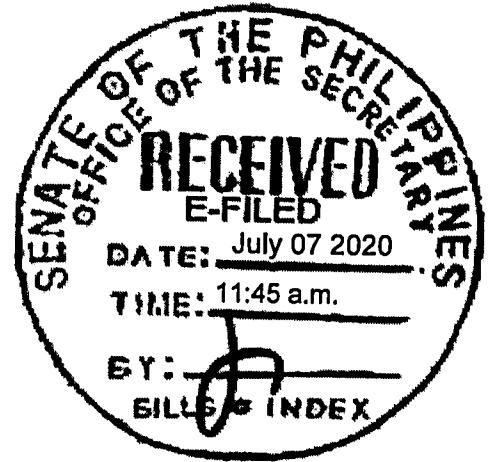
The Lanao Del Norte Provincial Hospital situated in the Municipality of Baroy, Lanao del Norte aims to continuously provide a reliable delivery of affordable and improved medical services to all hospitals clients, especially the poor. However, the facilities and equipment in the current set-up are not sufficient to address all health concerns of the people. Patients are more likely to travel to the closest tertiary hospital in the surrounding provinces, which inevitably adds to their burden.

To address these concerns, this measure seeks to convert the Lanao Del Norte Provincial Hospital, located in the Municipality of Baroy, Lanao del Norte into a regional medical center, to be known as the Lanao del Norte Regional Medical Center. In addition, this initiative aims to bring modern and advanced health care closer to the people of Lanao Del Norte and the neighboring provinces.

In view of the foregoing, the speedy 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. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as “The Lanao del Norte
2 Regional Medical Center Act.”
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4 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to
5 promote the right to health, instill health consciousness among the people and
6 advance the integrated and comprehensive approach to research and development of
7 health services.
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9 SEC. 3. *Conversion into a Regional Medical Center.* – The Lanao del Norte
10 Provincial Hospital in the Municipality of Baroy, Province of Lanao del Norte is hereby
11 converted into Regional Medical Center to be known as the Lanao del Norte Regional
12 Medical Center, hereinafter referred to as the LDNPMC, and shall be under the
13 supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).
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15 For this purpose, the bed capacity of the LDNPMC is hereby increased from one
16 hundred (100) to three hundred (300) beds. The increase in bed capacity shall be
17 implemented for a period of not more than three (3) years from the approval of this
18 Act.
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20 SEC. 4. *Objectives.* – The LDNPMC shall pursue the following objectives:
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- 22 a) To provide the Filipino people, particularly in the Province of Lanao del
23 Norte, with a more affordable, quality and timely hospital care through a
24 more efficient health service delivery system that prioritizes the needs of

- 1 the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children, and when
2 resources are available, provide free medical care to indigent citizens;
3 b) To develop the LDNRMC into a world class tertiary healthcare provider
4 that utilizes modern and advanced medical technologies;
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6 c) To promote, encourage, and engage in scientific research in the
7 prevention of diseases, and the care and treatment of patients and related
8 activities, including scholarship and conduct of relevant congresses,
9 conventions, seminars, and conferences;
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11 d) To participate in technical cooperation program in coordination with the
12 DOH RITM and other research institutes in the conduct of research
13 activities in the diagnosis, control and prevention of tropical diseases;
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15 e) To encourage and undertake the training of physicians, nurses, medical
16 technicians, health officers, social workers, and other health professionals
17 on the practical and scientific conduct and implementation of health and
18 medical services, and related activities; and
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20 f) To extend other medical services pursuant to the goals, objectives and
21 rules of the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP).
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23 **SEC. 5. *Upgrade of Facilities and Services.*** - The hospital facilities and services of
24 the LDNRMC shall be upgraded and increased to conform with and be commensurate
25 to the increase in its authorized bed capacity as provided in Section 3 of this Act, and
26 to be consistent with the requirements of modern medical services and its status as a
27 medical center.
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29 The LDNRMC shall submit to the DOH its proposed hospital development plan
30 which includes the future expansion of its scope of services as a specialty hospital that
31 specializes in a particular disease or condition, or in one type of patient.
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33 **SEC. 6. *Medical Center Chief.*** - The Hospital shall be headed by a Medical Center
34 Chief, who is a licensed physician and with experience in hospital administration and
35 management for at least five (5) years. The Medical Center Chief shall be appointed
36 by the Secretary of Health.
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38 **SEC. 7. *Functions of the Medical Center Chief.*** - The Medical Center Chief shall
39 be responsible for the following:

- 40 a) Overall management and administration of the LDNRMC; and
41 b) Formulation of policies, plans, programs, strategies, and its
42 implementation to ensure the provision of high quality health care and
43 high standards of clinical training for medical and allied medical personnel.
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45 In order to ensure a smooth transition, the incumbent Chief of Hospital of the
46 Lanao del Norte Provincial Hospital, if qualified, shall assume the position of Medical
47 Center Chief of the LDNRMC in an acting capacity until such time that a duly qualified
48 successor has been appointed.

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2 **SEC. 8. Medical and Service Personnel.** – The number of medical and service
3 personnel, maintenance and other operating expenses of the LDNRMC shall
4 correspondingly be increased to conform with the provision in Section 3 of this Act.
5 The Medical Center Chief of the LDNRMC, in coordination with the DOH, the
6 Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and the Civil Service Commission
7 (CSC), shall determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up.
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9 **SEC. 9. Assistance from Other Government Offices.** – The LDNRMC may call upon
10 any department, bureau, office, agency, or instrumentality of the government,
11 including government-owned and controlled corporations, for such assistance as it
12 may need in the pursuit of its objectives.
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14 All individuals, entities, and institutions are hereby enjoined to render full
15 assistance and cooperation to the LDNRMC in the accomplishment of its objectives
16 and activities.
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18 **SEC. 10. Tax Exemption.** – Any donation or bequest made to the LDNRMC shall
19 be exempt from donor's tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deduction
20 from the gross income of the donor, in accordance with the provisions of the National
21 Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended: *Provided*, That such donation shall not
22 be disposed of, transferred or sold.
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24 **SEC. 11. Auditor.** – The Commission on Audit shall appoint a representative who
25 shall be the auditor of the LDNRMC and such personnel as may be necessary to assist
26 said representative in the performance of his duty.
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28 **SEC. 12. Reports.** –The Medical Center Chief of the LDNRMC shall, within three
29 (3) months after the end of every fiscal year, submit periodic reports to the DOH as
30 may be required.
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32 **SEC. 13. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary for the initial implementation
33 of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the DOH.
34 Thereafter, such funds as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this
35 Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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37 **SEC. 14. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** –Within ninety (90) days from the
38 approval of this Act, the Secretary of the DOH, in consultation with the Secretary of
39 the DBM, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the
40 provisions of this Act.
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42 **SEC. 15. Separability Clause.** – If any portion or provision of this act is declared
43 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall
44 remain in force and effect.
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46 **SEC. 16. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or
47 other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
48 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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SEC. 17. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,