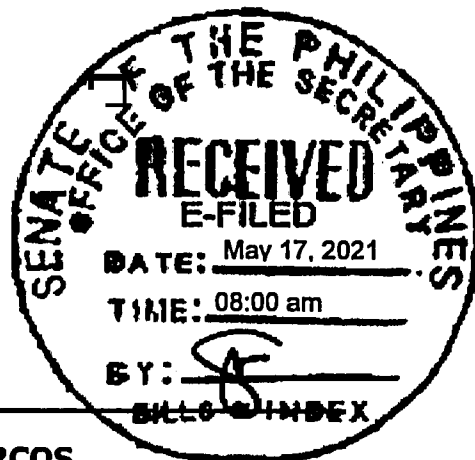


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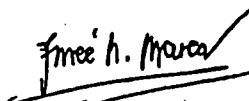
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 15 of Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "*The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.*"

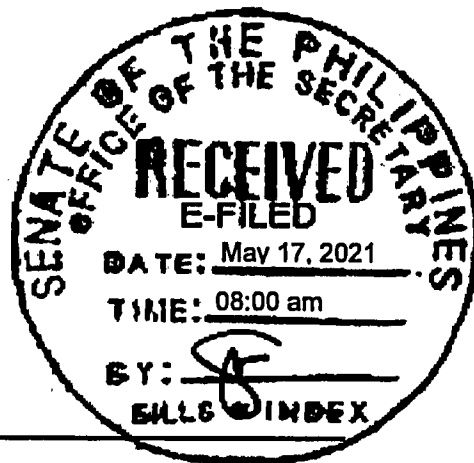
Western Visayas Sanitarium (WVS) is located in Barangay Inangayan and Barangay Bolong Oeste, Santa Barbara, Iloilo. It was originally established in June 1927 as a Treatment Station for Leprosy Patients. On 30 May 2005 WVS expanded its services from just a Leprosarium to a General Hospital by virtue of Administrative Order (AO) 2005-0013. As of today, WVS is a Level 1 general hospital with an authorized bed capacity of 300 retained by the Department of Health (DOH). WVS is recognized as a Center for Safety by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC).

This bill therefor seeks to convert the Western Visayas Sanitarium in the Municipality of Santa Barbara, Province of Iloilo into a general hospital to be known as the Western Visayas Sanitarium and General Hospital to further its duty to serve our countrymen throughout the Visayas region during this challenging time of pandemic, especially the less privileged and vulnerable. This bill will expand the general hospital services and develop specialized services while upholding its original mandate for leprosy prevention, treatment, control and rehabilitation.

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


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

1 SECTION 1. The Western Visayas Sanitarium in the Municipality of Santa Barbara,
2 Province of Iloilo, is hereby expanded into a sanitarium and general hospital with
3 specialty services in infectious diseases, to be known as the Western Visayas
4 Sanitarium and General Hospital (WVSGH), which shall be under the direct control and
5 supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

6 SEC. 2. The authorized bed capacity of the WVSGH shall be increased from one
7 hundred fifty (150) to three hundred (300) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity
8 shall be consistent with the hospital development plan, that shall be prepared by the
9 Chief of Hospital of the WVSGH and submitted to the DOH.

10 SEC. 3. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the
11 WVSGH shall also be upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase
12 in bed capacity as provided for in Section 2 hereof.

13 SEC. 4. The existing workforce of the WVSGH, which includes doctors, nurses,
14 and support personnel, shall be increased correspondingly.

15 SEC. 5. The Secretary of the DOH shall, after consultation with the Chief of
16 Hospital of the WVSGH, and in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of
17 Budget and Management and the Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission,
18 determine the additional new positions to be created and filled up.

19 SEC. 6. The position, seniority, security, and other rights of tenure of medical
20 and non-medical personnel of the Western Visayas Sanitarium shall continue to be
21 honored under the WVSGH.

1 SEC. 7. The Secretary of the DOH shall immediately include in the Department's
2 program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the
3 annual General Appropriations Act.

4 SEC. 8. If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the
5 remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

6 SEC. 9. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, inconsistent
7 with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

8 SEC. 10. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
9 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,