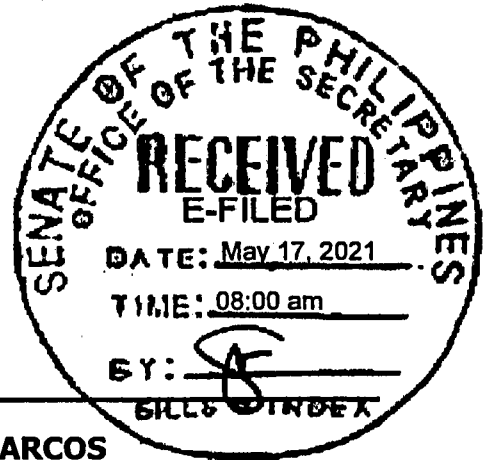


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

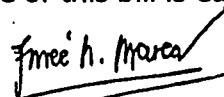
Section 15 of Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "*The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.*"

The Municipality of Limay is a 1st class municipality in the province of Bataan. According to the 2015 Population Census of the Philippine Statistics Authority, it has a population of 68,071 people.

According to the Department of Health (DOH), there are only two regional hospitals in Bataan, the Bataan General Hospital and Medical Center located in Balanga City and the Mariveles Mental Wellness and General Hospital in Mariveles. Clearly, these two hospitals are not enough to cater the population of the whole Province of Bataan with 11 municipalities, 1 component city, and 237 barangays and a total population of 760,650 people.

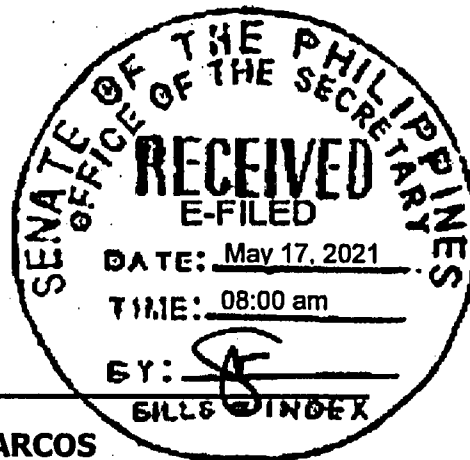
This bill aims to a establish fifty-bed capacity district hospital in the Municipality of Limay, Province of Bataan under the supervision of the Department of Health to be known as the Limay District Hospital to uphold the mandate of the Constitution and protect the health of the citizenry and make medical services more accessible to the locals. This improvement will also lessen the need to travel for people in neighboring towns of Limay who needs medical treatment, especially during this challenging era of pandemic.

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.** There shall be established in the Municipality of Limay, Province of
2 Bataan, a general hospital to be known as the Limay General Hospital, which shall be
3 under the direct control and supervision of the Provincial Government of Bataan.

4 Any future increase in bed capacity and upgrading of health care services and
5 facilities shall be based on the hospital development plan which shall be prepared by
6 the Chief of Hospital, in consultation with the Department of Health (DOH).

7 **SEC. 2.** The Provincial Government of Bataan shall provide the necessary funds
8 for the establishment of Limay General Hospital. The Secretary of Health shall include
9 in the Department's subsidy program, support for the capital outlay requirements of
10 the said hospital.

11 **SEC. 3.** If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the
12 remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

13 **SEC. 4.** All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent
14 with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

15 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
16 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,