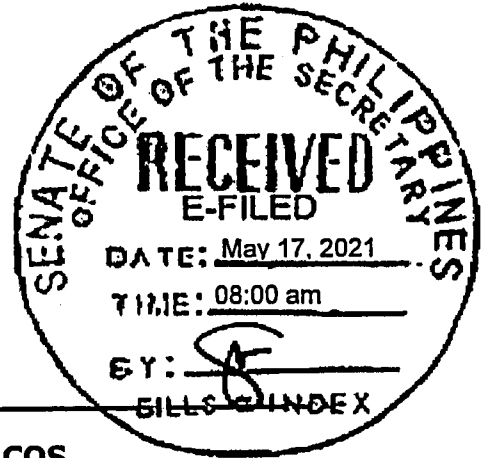


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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.*"

Calabarzon or Region IV-A is formerly known as Southern Tagalog Mainland. The region comprises five provinces: Batangas, Cavite, Laguna, Quezon, and Rizal and one highly urbanized city, Lucena. The region is the most populous region in the Philippines according to the Philippine Statistics Authority, having 14,414,774 inhabitants as of the 2015 Population Census.

According to The Milbank Quarterly, the rate of population growth affects long-range planning of community health and medical facilities. Hence, in order to provide adequate health services, especially during this time of pandemic, the government must make sure that medical institutions and hospitals can cater as much people as possible.

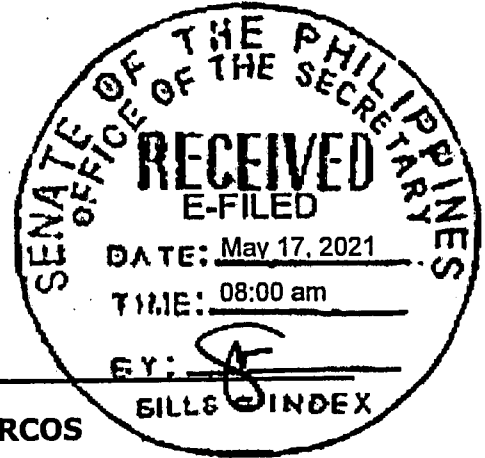
This bill seeks to convert the Bay District Hospital in the Municipality of Bay, Province of Laguna, into a general hospital to be known as the Laguna Regional Hospital which shall be under the direct supervision and control of the Department of Health (DOH) to continuously provide efficient and accessible avenue for affordable and improved medical services to all hospitals clients, especially the less privileged.

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 Bay District Hospital in the Municipality of Bay, Province of
2 Laguna, is hereby converted into a general hospital to be known as the Laguna
3 Regional Hospital which shall be under the direct supervision and control of the
4 Department of Health (DOH).

5 SEC. 2. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital
6 development plan which shall be prepared by the Chief of Hospital of the Laguna
7 Regional Hospital and submitted to the DOH.

8 SEC. 3. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the Laguna
9 Regional Hospital are also hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to
10 the increase in bed capacity as provided for in Section 2 hereof.

11 SEC. 4. The existing workforce of the Laguna Regional Hospital, which includes
12 doctors, nurses, and support personnel, shall be increased correspondingly. The
13 Secretary of the DOH shall, after consultation with the Chief of the Laguna Regional
14 Hospital, and in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Budget and
15 Management (DBM) and the Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission, determine
16 the additional new positions to be created and filled up.

17 SEC. 5. The Secretary of the DOH shall immediately include in the Department's
18 program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the
19 annual General Appropriations Act.

20 SEC. 6. If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the
21 remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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

Approved,