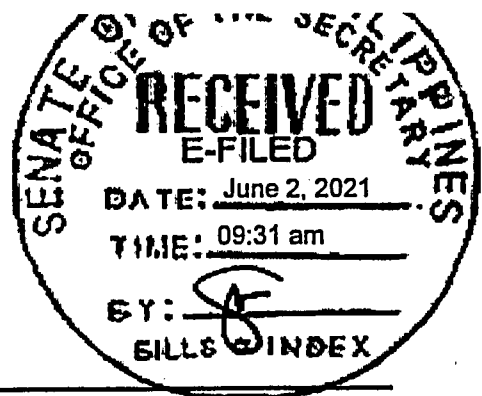


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates that, "*The State shall protect the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.*" It is mandated by the highest law of the land to ensure that all communities have access to quality and accessible healthcare.

The number of patients admitted to the Lingayen District Hospital, particularly indigents, has increased significantly over the years. The hospital's 60-bed capacity can no longer accommodate the ever-increasing number of patients, particularly those who require confinement.

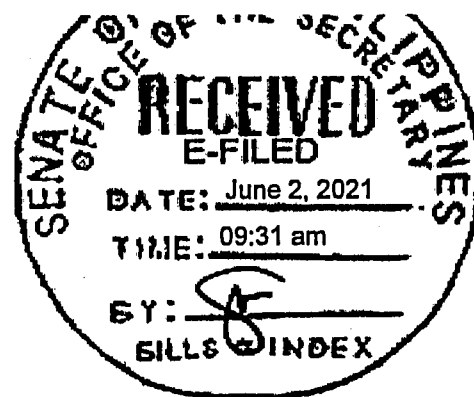
This bill therefore seeks to increase the bed capacity of the Lingayen District Hospital from sixty (60) to one hundred (100) beds. This will not only ensure accessible and quality health care services for the people of Lingayen but also to its neighboring municipalities.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure 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.** The authorized bed capacity of the Lingayen District Hospital
2 in the Municipality of Lingayen, Province of Pangasinan is hereby increased from sixty
3 (60) to one hundred (100) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent
4 with its hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the Chief of Hospital of
5 the Lingayen District Hospital.

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7 **SEC. 2.** The existing professional health care services and facilities shall also
8 be upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the bed capacity increase as
9 provided for in Section 1 hereof.

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11 **SEC. 3.** The existing workforce of the Lingayen District Hospital, which
12 includes doctors, nurses and support personnel, shall also be increased
13 correspondingly.

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15 **SEC. 4.** The Provincial Government of Pangasinan shall provide the
16 necessary funds to support the increase in bed capacity of the Lingayen District
17 Hospital and the corresponding upgrading of its facilities and services.

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19 **SEC. 5.** The Secretary of the Department of Health (DOH) shall include in
20 the DOH's subsidy program its support for the capital outlay requirements of the
21 hospital.

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

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

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

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Approved,