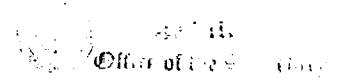


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIII, Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution states that “[t]he State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost.”

The Province of Laguna is currently the third most populous province in the country with 3,382,193 (Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020). Despite this, there is a noted absence of a tertiary level hospital in the Province, and the existing district hospitals remain insufficient in addressing the health needs in the Province. The nearest government tertiary hospitals are in Batangas City and Trece Martires City, which are also facing increasing demand from their constituents.

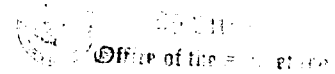
This measure proposes the establishment of a Level III general hospital in the Municipality of Bay, Province of Laguna, to be known as the Laguna Regional Hospital, under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH). In placing this new hospital under the control and supervision of DOH allows its full integration into the region's referral healthcare services network.

The establishment of the Laguna Regional Hospital is also in alignment with the DOH Philippine Health Facility Development Plan (PHFDP) 2020-2040, which aims to close the gap for tertiary bed needs, medical equipment, among others. It recognizes the need for a critical tertiary referral hospital in the Province of Laguna in consideration of present and future needs.

In view of ensuring an accessible tertiary level hospital and expanding the government's capacity to effectively serve the health needs of the people of the Province of Laguna, the passage of this measure 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 Bay, Province of
2 Laguna, a level three (tertiary) general hospital to be known as the Laguna Regional
3 Hospital, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of
4 Health (DOH).

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6 Sec. 2. There shall also be developed a specialty or multi-specialty center within
7 the Laguna Regional Hospital in accordance with DOH guidelines.

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9 Sec. 3. Any future increase in bed capacity and upgrading of health care
10 services and facilities shall be based on the hospital development plan which shall be
11 prepared by the DOH.

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13 Sec. 4. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's
14 program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the
15 annual General Appropriations Act.

1 *Sec. 5. Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or
2 unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain
3 in full force and effect.

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5 *Sec. 6. Repealing Clause.* – All laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations, and
6 other parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed,
7 amended or modified accordingly.

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9 *Sec. 7. Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
10 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in
11 the Philippines.

Approved,