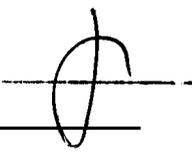


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The measure seeks to establish the much-needed tertiary hospital in the municipality of San Dionisio, Iloilo to be known as the Northern Iloilo General Hospital. The said healthcare facility shall be under the full and direct control, supervision, and management of the Department of Health (DOH) and will serve as the end referral hospital in the 5th District of Iloilo - catering to patients of the Level I hospitals such as the Gov. Niel D. Tupas Sr. District Hospital, Sara District Hospital, and Jesus M. Colmenares District Hospital.

The Northern Iloilo General Hospital is envisioned to help decongest the existing healthcare facilities in Iloilo and bring essential healthcare services closer to patients in the 5th District of Iloilo which is the biggest district in the province in terms of number of constituents (472,661 according to the 2020 Census). This will definitely ease the burden of Filipinos in need of medical services as it will spare them from travelling 2 to 3 hours away just to go to city hospitals. Patients coming from island barangays who usually spend half a day to avail of healthcare services will also greatly benefit from this measure.

Furthermore, this measure is in line with the objectives of Republic Act No. 11223 or the Universal Health Care (UHC) Act to provide essential and affordable healthcare services to Filipinos thereby promoting good health-seeking behavior and investing in local human capital. Hence, in view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

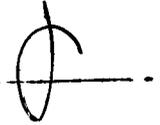

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1.** *Establishment of the Northern Iloilo General Hospital.* - There
2 shall be established a general hospital in the Municipality of San Dionisio, Province of
3 Iloilo to be known as the Northern Iloilo General Hospital, which shall be under the
4 direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

5 **SEC. 2.** *Hospital Development Plan.* - The DOH shall develop a hospital
6 development plan to define the service capacity, developmental goals and targets of
7 the hospital. Any future increase in bed capacity and upgrading of healthcare facilities,
8 service capability, and human resource complement shall be based on the hospital
9 development plan.

10 **SEC. 3.** *Hospital Site.* - The site of the hospital shall be in the Municipality of
11 San Dionisio, Province of Iloilo.

12 **SEC. 4.** *Appropriations.* - The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in
13 the Department's program the implementation of this Act. The amount of Nine
14 Hundred Million Pesos (Php 900,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the
15 implementation of this Act which shall be included and funded under the General
16 Appropriations Act (GAA) under the Health Facilities Enhancement Program (HFEP) of
17 the DOH. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued operation shall
18 be included in the annual GAA.

19 **SEC. 5.** *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of part of this Act is declared

1 unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full
2 force and effect.

3 **SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees,
4 proclamations, rules, regulations, issuances and enactments or parts thereof
5 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,