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S. No. 2892

Introduced by SENATOR FRANCIS "TOL" N. TOLENTINO

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LILOY, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA
DEL NORTE, A LEVEL II HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE LILOY DISTRICT
HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The right to health is a fundamental human right enshrined in our Constitution. Article 11, Section 15 mandates the State to protect and promote the health of its citizens, while Article XIII, Section 11 emphasizes an integrated approach to health development, ensuring the availability of essential goods and services at affordable costs. The current healthcare landscape in the 3rd District of Zamboanga del Norte presents a concerning gap that this bill aims to address by establishing a Level II hospital in Lilo.

According to the 2020 Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) census, the 3rd District of Zamboanga del Norte is home to 387,519 residents. Alarming, the 2018 PSA Municipal and City Level Poverty Estimates indicate a poverty incidence ranging from 40% to 60% across all twelve municipalities in this district. This significant poverty level, coupled with the absence of a Level II hospital, leaves our constituents vulnerable and without adequate healthcare access. Currently, residents must travel three to five hours to access medical facilities in Zamboanga City or Dipolog City. This not only leads to excessive transportation costs but also results in critical delays in receiving necessary

medical care. Such barriers disproportionately affect our underprivileged constituents, exacerbating health inequities in the region.

This bill proposes the establishment of a Level II hospital in Liloy, Zamboanga del Norte, which will operate under the direct supervision of the Department of Health (DOH). By situating a Level II hospital in Liloy, the proposed legislation aims to provide convenient access to quality healthcare services for the people of Zamboanga del Norte, significantly reducing travel time and associated costs. The hospital will offer essential medical services that cater to the needs of the population, ensuring that even the most vulnerable have access to the care they require. Moreover, establishing a local hospital will alleviate the financial burden on families who currently face high transportation costs to distant facilities, thereby improving their overall quality of life.

In light of the pressing healthcare needs of the 3rd District of Zamboanga del Norte, the establishment of a Level II hospital in Liloy is not just a matter of convenience; it is a critical step toward fulfilling our constitutional obligation to protect the health of our citizens.

Thus, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



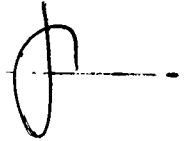
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House Of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

1 **SECTION 1.** There shall be established in the Municipality of Lilooy, Province of
2 Zamboanga del Norte, a level II hospital to be known as the Lilooy District Hospital, which
3 shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

4 **SEC. 2.** Any future increase in bed capacity, healthcare facilities, service capability,
5 and human resource complement shall be based on the hospital development plan that
6 shall be prepared by the DOH.

7 **SEC. 3.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's
8 program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the
9 annual General Appropriations Act.

10 **SEC. 4.** If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the
11 remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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

Approved,