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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Health is a basic human right. Our Constitution affirms this fundamental tenet when it declared as a policy of the State to "protect and promote the right to health of the people..." (Art. II, Sec. 15)

Cognizant of this constitutional mandate, this bill seeks to convert the Western Visayas Sanitarium in the municipality of Sta. Barbara, Iloilo into a State hospital to be known as the Iloilo State. This bill runs parallel to the plan of the Department of Health to undertake the same.

The municipality of Sta. Barbara, Iloilo, is the site of a future international airport of world class standards. It is to become the center of trade and commerce in the island of Panay, with the benefits of development spilling over to the other municipalities and districts in this third largest island in our country.

This bill intends to address the concomitant health-related needs that will come alongside these most needed positive developments.

Hence, the immediate approval of this proposed measure is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE WESTERN VISAYAS SANITARIUM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. BARBARA, ILOILO INTO A STATE HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE ILOILO STATE HOSPITAL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. The Western Visayas Sanitarium in the Municipality of Sta. Barbara, Province of Iloilo shall be converted into a State hospital to be known as the Iloilo State Hospital;

Section 2. All assets, movable and immovable, and records of the Western Visayas Sanitarium, as well as its liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to the Iloilo State Hospital; Provided, that the positions, rights and security of tenure of medical and non-medical personnel shall not be impaired;

Section 3. The Department of Health, in consultation and coordination with local government units concerned, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act;

Section 4. The amount of One Hundred Fifty Million Pesos (P500,000,000.00) chargeable against the appropriations of the Department of Health is hereby allocated to effectively carry out the provisions of this Act and to provide for the construction and purchase of needed structures, facilities and equipment and the operational costs during the first year of its conversion. Thereafter, funds necessary for its maintenance and supervision shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,