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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It has been recognized, even by the Department of Health, that there is a severe shortage of medical doctors and licensed medical practitioners in far-flung and remote areas of several provinces. The shortage of medical assistance and, in many instances, the complete absence of medical programs have placed in critical danger the health of many of our citizens in remote barangays and municipalities. Ironically, some of the causes of illnesses that have caused deaths could have been averted had there been simple and basic medications.

This bill seeks to address the defeat we are experiencing in the battle against disease by reason of default. Very simply, the government is not there to fight for the health of its citizens. By establishing these barangay health centers where they are much needed, we shall be making good on our promise to deliver basic services to our people.

This is, furthermore, a recognition that there is no other way to address the problem but to bring the solution directly to its beneficiaries.
The cost of medication has become exorbitant and unreachable to many Filipinos. It is timely to be reminded of our Constitutional mandate to ensure the delivery of basic health services to the Filipinos.

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BARANGAY HEALTH CENTER IN BARANGAY CABAGNAAN, MUNICIPALITY OF LA CASTELLANA, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. There shall be constructed a barangay health center, under the supervision of the Department of Health, in Barangay Cabagnaan in the Municipality of La Castellana, Province of Negros Occidental.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations of the Department of Health under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sums necessary for the maintenance and operation of said barangay health center shall be included under the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.