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Introduced by Honorable Roque R. Ablan, Jr.

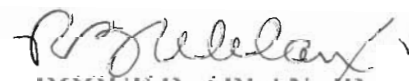
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Health is a basic human right. Our condition 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, the bill seeks to convert the 10-bed Gaoa Emergency Hospital in Gaoa in the Municipality of Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte as an extension of the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial Medical Center (DMMMMC) in Batac, Ilocos Norte.

Gaoa, is fast becoming a tourist destination of world-class standard, as first-class resorts have begun to proliferate along its shoreline. It is destined to be a center of trade and commerce in the north with the benefits of development spilling over to the surrounding municipalities and districts in that part of Ilocos Norte.

Seeking to address the concomitant health related needs that will come alongside these positive developments, therefore, immediate approval of the measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT CONVERTING THE GAOA EMERGENCY HOSPITAL IN GAOA, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAGUDPUD, ILOCOS NORTE, AS AN EXTENSION HOSPITAL OF THE DON MARIANO MARCOS MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER IN BATAAC, ILOCOS NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

Section 1. The Gaoa Emergency Hospital in the Municipality of Pagudpud, Province of Ilocos Norte shall be converted as an extension hospital of the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial Medical Center (DMMMMC) located in Bataac, Ilocos Norte, and thereafter to be known as the Gaoa Extension Hospital;

Section 2. All assets, movable and immovable, and records of the Gaoa Emergency Hospital as well as its liabilities or obligations are hereby transferred to the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial Medical Center (DMMMMC) in Bataac, Ilocos Norte; 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 the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial Medical Center shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act;

Section 4. The amount of Ten Million Pesos (Php10,000,000.00) 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 of needed structures and facilities, the purchase of equipment and the operational costs during the first year of

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.

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