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Introduced by **HON. EUFRANIO C. ERIGUEL, M.D.**

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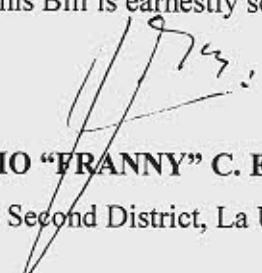
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The Naguilian District Hospital is steadfast in its goal of providing quality health care to the people of La Union and the nearby provinces. It is therefore very crucial that the Hospital be able to increase its bed capacity, upgrade its services and facilities, and employ more medical personnel.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT

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IN NAGUILIAN, LA UNION, FROM TWENTY FIVE (25) TO FIFTY (50),
UPGRADING ITS SERVICES AND FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL
HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL
PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The authorized bed capacity of the Naguilian District Hospital in Naguilian, La Union is hereby upgraded from twenty (25) to fifty (50) beds.

SEC. 2. The existing service facilities and professional health care services of Naguilian District Hospital are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the bed capacity increase as provided for in Section 1 hereof.

SEC. 3. The existing workforce of Naguilian District Hospital shall also be correspondingly increased. The Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission, shall determine and approve the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up upon prior consultation with Naguilian District Hospital.

SEC. 4. The increase in bed capacity of Naguilian District Hospital from twenty five (25) to fifty (50) shall be implemented for a period of not more than two (2) years from the approval of this Act.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in Department of Health's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen days after its publication in the Official Gazette and in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,