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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the government's basic responsibility to provide for the health needs of the Filipino people. Such responsibility does not stop at the primary health care services offered by barangay health centers and primary-level hospitals but extends to the provision of secondary and tertiary-level health care whenever possible.

Government must take its presence felt more strongly in areas where people depend largely on public hospitals for their health care needs because of the scarcity of private hospitals. Hence, in areas where the population has increased but health services have not increased commensurately, government must provide more health services through the establishment of new hospitals or upgrading of existing ones. It is for these reasons that:

The La Paz District Hospital in the municipality of La Paz, Abra, is a primary-level hospital which has been servicing the health needs of the economically-disadvantaged residents of La Paz, Danglas, Lagayan, all of the Province of Abra, as well as the adjacent towns of San Antonio, Sagap and Banacao. Despite its 41-personnel complement, this 15-bed hospital needs to expand its services to reach out to a greater number of the sick in La Paz and nearby towns. The La Paz District Hospital should be converted into a national hospital to have more funds in order to expand its bed capacity and upgrade its facilities to optimize the services it offers to the public.

For the foregoing reasons, the immediate passage of this bill is hereby urged.

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AN ACT CONVERTING THE LA PAZ DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ, PROVINCE OF ABRA, INTO A NATIONAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS LA PAZ NATIONAL HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. The La Paz District Hospital in the Municipality of La Paz, Province of Abra, is hereby converted into a national hospital to be known as La Paz National Hospital.

Section 2. The La Paz National Hospital shall be under the supervision of the Department of Health.

Section 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

Section 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.