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Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides: "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them." Further, Article XIII, Section 11, states: "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers."

Without a doubt, the priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children and the endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers, could only be effectively serviced by government-owned hospitals specially those in the provinces. Due to the exorbitant price of health care, majority of the underprivileged people largely depend on public hospitals for their medical needs and attention. This situation is very much evident in the case of the people of the province of Biliran.

The 2010 NSO Census of Population and Housing posted a total population of 161,760. In parallel to the rise of the population is an immediate demand for the creation of 200-bed capacity Provincial Hospital.

In keeping with the constitutional mandate, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TWO HUNDRED (200)-BED CAPACITY PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN BARANGAY LARRAZABAL, NAVAL PROVINCE OF BILIRAN, 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. It is hereby established the Provincial Hospital of the Province of Biliran in Barangay Larrazabal, Naval Biliran with 200-bed capacity.
- Section 2. The Department of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.
- Section 3. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the current appropriations for the Department of Health. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the operation of the hospital shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
- Section 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.