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HOUSE BILL NO. 9029

Introduced By:
REP. FRANCISCO JOSE F. MATUGAS II
1ST District, Surigao del Norte (*Siargao Island*)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Socorro in Siargao Island has a population of around 22,000 as of the 2015 census. Despite this, its residents are serviced by only an infirmary with a bed capacity of ten (10), the Socorro District Hospital.

In 1992, Republic Act 7260 was approved. Said law increased the bed capacity of the Socorro District Hospital from ten (10) to twenty-five (25). Said law, however, was never fully implemented.

The Municipality is home to many natural attractions, including the famous Sohoton Lagoons and now, a good number of tourists flock to the area. There is therefore, an urgency to upgrade the Socorro District Hospital to service the needs of both the residents and visitors of the islands.

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


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**AN ACT UPGRADING THE SOCORRO DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF SOCORRO, SURIGAO DEL NORTE, INTO A LEVEL I
HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY TO FIFTY (50), AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 SECTION 1. The Socorro District Hospital located in the Municipality of
2 Socorro, Surigao del Norte is hereby upgraded into a Level I Hospital and its
3 authorized bed capacity for general services increased to fifty (50).
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5 SEC. 2. The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services of
6 the Socorro District Hospital are hereby upgraded to conform with and be
7 commensurate to the increase in its bed capacity as provided in Section 1 hereof.
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9 SEC. 3. The Department of Health, shall, in coordination with the
10 Department of Budget and Management and the Socorro District Hospital,
11 determine the additional staff plantilla positions to be created pursuant to this Act.
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13 SEC. 4. The increase in bed capacity of the Socorro District Hospital to fifty
14 (50) beds shall be implemented for a period of not more than two (2) years from the
15 approval of this Act.
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1 SEC. 5. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the
2 Department's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall
3 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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5 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
6 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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8 Approved,