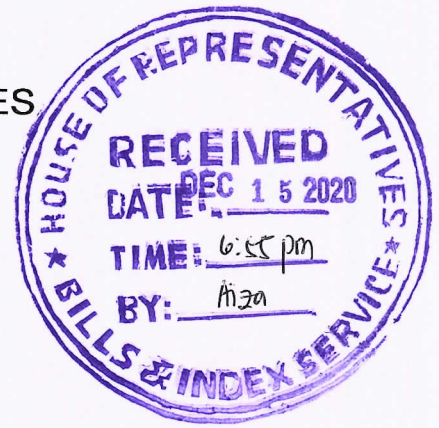


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Introduced by Representative Hector S. Sanchez

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the 2000 Census of Population and Housing conducted by the Philippines Statistics Authority (formerly National Statistics Office), the municipality of Caramoran is among the three leading municipalities in Catanduanes in terms of population size.

Currently there are two government hospitals in Caramoran catering to the medical needs of the people. Both hospitals however, is located 35kms away from the town proper. It is an acknowledged reality that the distance a patient must travel to in order to get to the hospital in emergency cases poses potential risks and danger to his life and limb.

This measure seeks to address the people's need for a decent, adequate and accessible health care in order to stay faithful to the mandate of the 1987 Constitution which declares in its State Policies that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people". It further provides in Sec. 11, Article XIII that "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.

Additionally, in the light of the pandemic, it would be an opportune time to establish the Caramoran Public Hospital with dedicated facilities to accommodate infectious diseases such as Covid-19 patients.

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

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A 100-BED CAPACITY DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARAMORAN, PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES TO BE KNOWN AS CARAMORAN MEDICAL CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress Assembled.

SECTION 1. – There shall be established a 100-bed capacity district hospital in the Municipality of Caramoran, Province of Catanduanes, under the supervision of the Department of Health, to be known as Caramoran Medical Center.

SEC. 2. – The Secretary of Health and/or his duly authorized representative, in consultation and coordination of the local officials of the local government of Caramoran, Catanduanes shall formulate and promulgate the implementing guidelines, rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 3. – The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's program and operationalization of the Caramoran Medical Center, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved