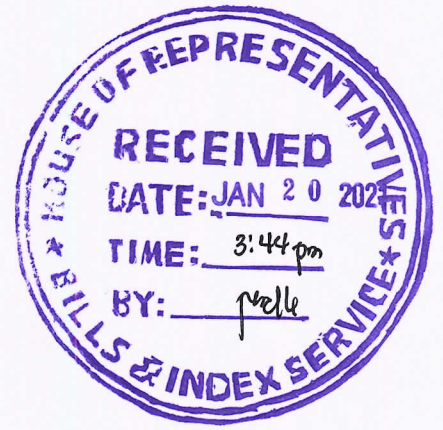


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that, "The state shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."

Furthermore, Section 11, Article XIII affirms 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."

The Municipality of Santo Tomas in the Province of Davao del Norte is a rural area where immediate health care is not accessible. Hence, the establishment of a 25-bed capacity hospital in Barangay Casig-ang is expected to augment the delivery of health services of the Rural Health Unit (RHU) of the municipality, benefitting not only the residents of Santo Tomas, but also those from the neighboring municipalities.

The municipal government has already acquired the lot intended for the establishment of the municipal hospital; however, it cannot afford the cost of the equipment and facilities, as well as the salaries and wages of the staff. Thus, the Sangguniang Bayan of Santo Tomas, on December 23, 2020, has approved Resolution No. 335, Series of 2020, requesting for funding of the said hospital.

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

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A 25-BED CAPACITY HOSPITAL IN BARANGAY CASIG-ANG,
MUNICIPALITY OF SANTO TOMAS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, TO BE
KNOWN AS THE SANTO TOMAS MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Health (DOH), a 25-bed capacity hospital in Barangay Casig-ang, Municipality of Santo Tomas, Province of Davao del Norte, to be known as the Santo Tomas Municipal Hospital.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations authorized for the purpose under the fiscal year 2022 General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the operations and maintenance of the herein hospital shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. Before the construction of the hospital, the Secretary of the Department of Health (DOH) shall issue a written assurance that personnel of the hospital will be appointed, and that funds for its maintenance and operations have been appropriated.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,