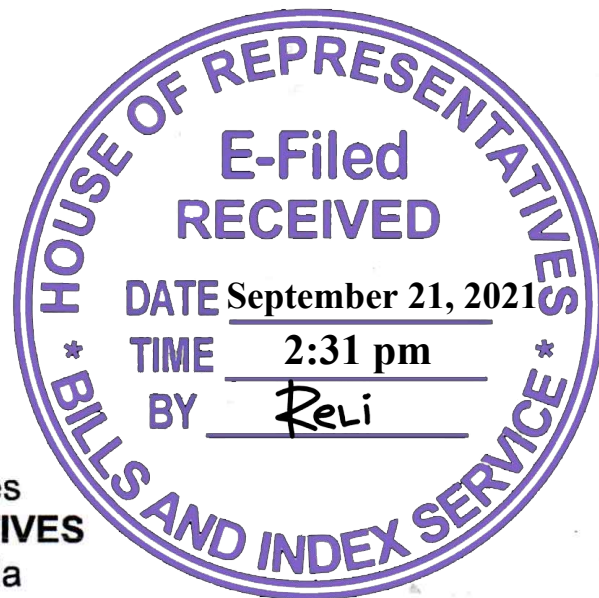




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

In line with this, this bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of Candelaria Municipal Hospital at Candelaria, Quezon Province from twenty (20) beds to thirty-five (35) beds.

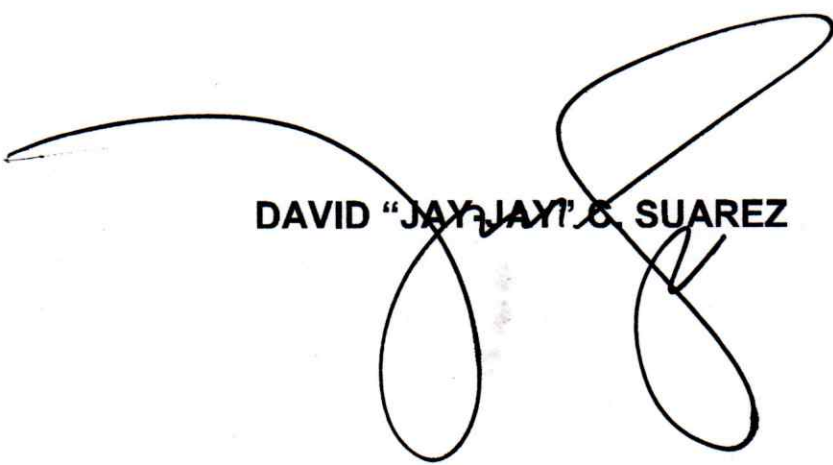
The current capacity of this hospital can no longer support the burgeoning municipal population and their medical needs. Candelaria, Quezon is a 1st class municipality in the province of Quezon. According to the 2020 census, it has a population of 137,881 people. It is the third most populous settlement of Quezon after Lucena City and Sariaya.

The pandemic brought about by the COVID-19 virus has aggravated the shortage of beds at Candelaria Municipal Hospital. The continuous surge in positive cases has made this increase in bed

capacity as an urgent need.

On a larger note, it is essential that the national government needs to address the growing health challenges, especially in the provinces, to ensure the health and well-being of the present and future generations. We know that the national government is serious in providing an effective and efficient delivery of medical services in the country.

In view of the foregoing, its immediate passage into law is earnestly sought.



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INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF CANDELARIA MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL AT CANDELARIA, QUEZON PROVINCE FROM TWENTY (20) BEDS TO THIRTY-FIVE (35) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE IN ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The authorized bed capacity of the Candelaria Municipal Hospital at Candelaria, Quezon Province is hereby increased from twenty (20) beds to thirty-five (35) beds.

SEC. 2. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the Candelaria Municipal Hospital shall be upgraded to conform and be commensurate to the increase in its authorized bed capacity as provided for in Section 1 hereof.

SEC. 3. The existing work force of the Candelaria Municipal Hospital shall be correspondingly increased. The Department of Health shall, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and Civil Service Commission, and after consultation with the Candelaria Municipal Hospital authorities, determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up.

SEC. 4. The increase in bed capacity and the corresponding services and facilities upgrade of the Candelaria Municipal Hospital shall be implemented within a period of not more than two (2) years from the approval of this Act.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's Program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 6. The Secretary of Health shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.