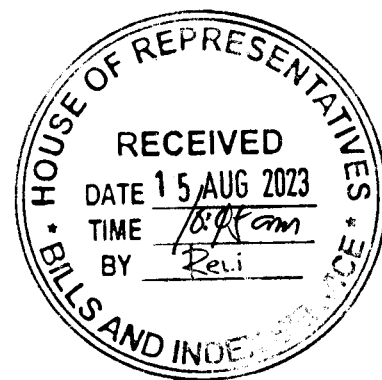


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

"The greatest wealth is health." Thus, under Article II, Section 15 of the Constitution, the State is mandated to protect and promote the right to health of the people. Likewise, under Article XIII, Section 11 of the Constitution, 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" and "shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers."

According to the 2020 PSA census, the twelve (12) municipalities comprising the 3rd District of Zamboanga del Norte have a total population of 387,519. Moreover, according to the 2018 PSA Municipal and City Level Poverty Estimates, all twelve (12) municipalities of our district have a poverty incidence of 40-60%. Despite this growing population and high poverty incidence, there is no Level II hospital in the legislative district which will answer the needs of our poor and underprivileged constituents. For this reason, the residents are forced to travel to Zamboanga City or Dipolog City, which are three (3) to five (5) hours away from the municipalities of our district. In turn, the constituents incur additional expenses and experience delays in accessing the services and facilities that only Level II hospitals can provide.

This bill therefore seeks to establish a Level II hospital in Liloy, Zamboanga del Norte which shall be under the direct supervision of the Department of Health. This will enable the constituents of our legislative district, who need more attention and care from the government due to their poverty, to have convenient access to quality and affordable medical care, without incurring additional costs for transportation.

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


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LILOY,
PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, A LEVEL II HOSPITAL
TO BE KNOWN AS THE LILOY DISTRICT HOSPITAL,
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 in the Municipality of Liloy, Province of Zamboanga del Norte, a level II hospital to be known as the Liloy District Hospital, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

SEC. 2. Any future increase in bed capacity, healthcare facilities, service capability, and human resource complement shall be based on the hospital development plan that shall be prepared by the DOH.

SEC. 3. 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. 4. If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 5. All laws, executive orders, issuances, and rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,