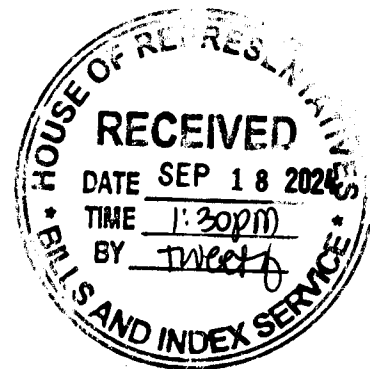




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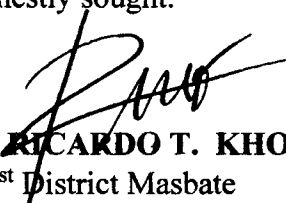
The 1987 Constitution of the Philippines provides that the State shall adopt a comprehensive health development program which shall endeavor to make health services available to all at affordable cost. The Constitution likewise asserts that it shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality healthcare, and shall take appropriate steps to make such healthcare accessible to all.

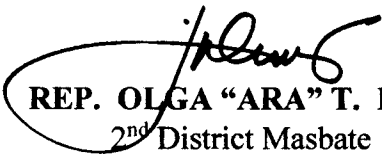
This bill seeks to create a blood station in Masbate Provincial Hospital, to address the need for a reliable and sustainable blood supply in the province. The lack of an adequate blood supply has been a persistent problem in many parts of the country, especially in times of emergencies and calamities. The need for blood station is particularly important in the province of Masbate, which is 2 to 3 hours boat ride away from the mainland Bicol, the nearest province with hospital that has a blood bank.

The creation of a blood bank in Masbate provincial Hospital will help address this problem by ensuring a reliable and sustainable source of blood and blood products. The blood station will be responsible for the collection, testing, processing, storage, and distribution of blood and blood products, in accordance with the standards and guidelines set by the Department of Health.

The blood station will also serve as a focal point for voluntary blood donation campaigns in the province. It will work closely with local government units, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders to promote awareness about the importance of blood donation and to encourage more people to donate blood.

To realize this vision of providing quality healthcare and ensuring the availability of safe and adequate blood supply in the province of Masbate, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BLOOD STATION IN MASBATE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE

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

Section 1. Title. This Act shall be known as Masbate Provincial Hospital Blood Station Act of 2024".

Section 2. Establishment. - There is hereby established a blood station in Masbate Provincial Hospital, to be known as the blood station of Masbate Provincial Hospital.

Section 3. Mandate. The Blood station shall secure a reliable and sustainable blood supply in the province of Masbate.

Section 4. Governance. - The Governing body as provided under Section 3 of DOH Administrative Order No. 2005-0002, is hereby mandated to be the highest policy-making body in the implementation of this Act.

Section 5. Tax Exemption. - The importation of medical and technical equipment for the use of the blood station, upon certification by the Department of Health, shall be exempt from custom duties in accordance with the provisions of Custom Modernization and Tariff Act (R.A. 10863).

All grants, bequests, endowments, donations and contributions made to the Blood station for its direct, actual and exclusive use shall be exempt from donor's tax and the same shall be allowed as deductions from the gross income of the donor for purposes of computing the taxable income of the donor.

Section 6. Appropriation. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 7. Suppletory Application. - The provisions of Republic Act No. 7719 also known as the "National Blood Service Act of 1994", shall form part of this Act.

Section 8. Separability Clause- If any provision of this Act is declared invalid, the other provision hereof not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

Section 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations, – within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Governing Board in consultation with the Department of Health shall issue rules and regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act.

Approved,