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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.”* Furthermore, Article XIII, Section 11 of the Philippine Constitution emphasizes 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 establishment of hospitals locally reduce travel time dramatically, ensuring patients to receive prompt emergency treatment. Studies have shown that outcomes are significantly better when patients can reach quality care within 20 minutes. The Municipality of San Rafael in the Province of Bulacan is situated in the middle of other municipalities that still lack local hospitals that will provide a quality health care system. Also, other nearby hospitals are crowded with patients making the provision of immediate care services, under the standard time frame, nearly impossible. Thus, the establishment of a general hospital in the said municipality will not only benefit residents of the said area but will provide additional effective and efficient health care services for nearby municipalities.



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In essence, district hospitals are crucial for providing a comprehensive, accessible, and efficient healthcare system at the local level, bridging the gap between primary care and specialized tertiary care. The establishment of a general hospital in the Municipality of San Rafael will solve numerous health care problems and will address the lack or insufficiency of health care in the district. Further, the presence of another hospital with efficient health care system is beneficial not only to the district but to the province as well. The district will be more self-reliant in handling advances and difficult health emergencies, providing a pool of health specialists and experts within its jurisdiction that will help save lives in difficult times. Another quality hospital will decongest the other Regional/District hospitals in the Province of Bulacan.

The Province of Bulacan being nearly situated with the National Capital Region has a continuing population increase. Thus, the number of residents seeking not just health care services but quality and dependable health care system dramatically increases.

Healthcare is vital for maintaining and improving overall well-being, impacting individuals, communities, and the economy. It enables our constituencies to live longer, more fulfilling lives, reduces health disparities, and enhances quality of life. The healthier the residents, the better is their participation in the community. Access to quality healthcare is also a fundamental human right, contributing to a healthy and productive society.

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

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN RAFAEL, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, A GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE DONA REMEDIOS TRINIDAD GENERAL HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established in the Municipality of San Rafael, Province of Bulacan, a level 3 grade hospital to be known as Dona Remedios Trinidad General Hospital, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

SECTION 2. Any future increase in bed capacity, healthcare facilities, service capability, and human resource complement shall be based on the hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the Department of Health (DOH).

SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Department of Health (DOH) 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.

SECTION 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.



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

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