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MEDICAL CENTER**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIII, Sec. 11, provides 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 under-privileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.”

The City of San Jose del Monte is a 1st class city in the province of Bulacan. With a population of 651, 813¹ and a population growth rate of 3.64%², the need for social services continuously increase.

The medical treatment of the elderly or geriatrics starts from the age of 65 years old, however, a number of factors contribute to the increased vulnerability of an age group, which may further lower the age required for geriatrics. Additionally, according to the same census, there are 28,292 people in the 65+ age group in San Jose del Monte, Bulacan, escalating the need for a geriatric center that will focus and cater to the specific needs of the aging population in the city.

With its population and location in the province, the demand and need for basic social services like health institutions also increases. The geriatrics center will augment the capacity of other public health institutions and its health personnel in the city, ensuring an effective and efficient healthcare system.

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



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¹ Census, 2020 – Philippine Statistics Authority

² <https://csjdm.gov.ph/socioeconomic-and-physical-profile/demography/>

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

SECTION 1. Establishment. - The City of San Jose del Monte Geriatric Medical Center (CSJDMGMC) is hereby established, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

SEC. 2. Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern. - The DOH, in coordination with the Civil Service Commission (CSC), and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) shall promulgate the organizational plan and staffing pattern of the said geriatric medical center.

SEC. 3. Appropriations. - The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Department of Health. Thereafter, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this act, the DOH, in coordination with the National Senior Citizen Commission, Department of Social Welfare and Development, and other concerned agencies, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this act.

SEC. 5. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,