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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The basic unit of functionality of a community is its people. According to Article XIII Section 11 of 1987 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.

This bill seeks to increase and upgrade bed capacity from two hundred (200) to four hundred (400) in order to accommodate the growing number of population, and also the influx of nonresident patients availing of healthcare services. Currently, the BeGH serves as the referral center of all municipal hospitals in the province. Aside from its clientele in Benguet, BeGH provides healthcare services to those residing in Ifugao, Baguio, Abra, Mountain Province, Kalinga, and Apayao.

More so, this bill seeks to place the BeGH under the direct supervision and control of the Department of Health (DOH). This shall allow better focus on the provision and improvement of health services and facilities through sufficient funding. The existing healthcare personnel of the hospital shall be increased correspondingly.

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

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AN ACT
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE BENGUET GENERAL HOSPITAL
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA TRINIDAD, PROVINCE OF BENGUET FROM
TWO HUNDRED (200) TO FOUR HUNDRED (400) BEDS, PLACING THE
HOSPITAL UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, 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 Benguet General Hospital in the Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet is hereby increased from two hundred (200) to four hundred (400) beds, and it shall be placed under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with its hospital development plan, which shall be prepared by the DOH to reflect the developmental goals of the hospital.

SEC. 2. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the Benguet General Hospital are also upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the bed capacity increase as provided for in Section 1 hereof.

SEC. 3. The existing workforce of the Benguet General Hospital, which includes doctors, nurses, and support personnel, shall also be increased correspondingly. The Secretary of Health shall, after consultation with the Chief of the Benguet General Hospital, and in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Commissioner of the Civil Service Commission, determine the additional new positions to be created and filled up.

SEC. 4. The DBM in consultation with the DOH, and the Provincial Government of Benguet, shall determine the cost of renationalized functions relative to the operations of the Benguet General Hospital from its current Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) and thereafter, and cause the allocation of the same to the DOH chargeable against the IRA of the Provincial Government of Benguet.

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

Approved,