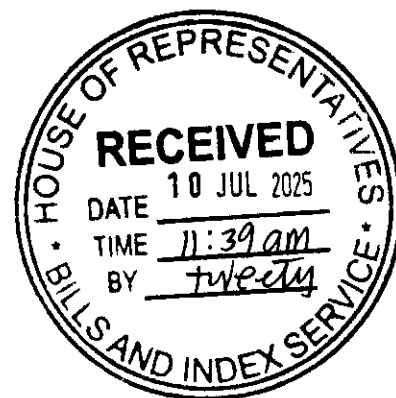


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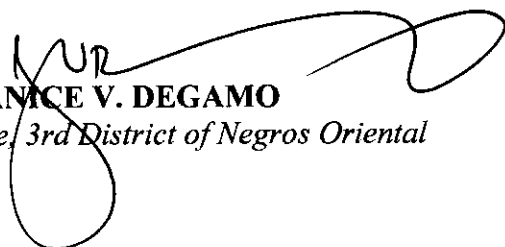
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Health is a fundamental right of every Filipino, as enshrined in Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution: *"The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."*

In line with this constitutional mandate, this bill seeks to convert the Bayawan District Hospital in the City of Bayawan, Province of Negros Oriental, from a Level I to a Level II health facility, with an increased bed capacity of two hundred (200).

Upgrading the hospital to a Level II facility will significantly enhance the province's capacity to manage complex and critical medical cases. It will bring specialized medical services closer to the people, improve health outcomes, and foster the development of a more skilled and capable healthcare workforce. The presence of specialists will elevate the quality of care and provide essential training opportunities for local medical personnel, thereby strengthening the overall healthcare system in the district.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE BAYAWAN DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF
BAYAWAN, PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL INTO A LEVEL II
HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM SEVENTY (70) TO
TWO HUNDRED (200), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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 the “Bayawan General Hospital Act.”

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

Section 3. Conversion into a Level II Hospital. The Bayawan District Hospital in the City of Bayawan, Province of Negros Oriental, is hereby converted into a Level II Hospital, hereinafter to be known as the Bayawan General Hospital, and shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

Section 4. Authorized Bed Capacity. The Bayawan General Hospital shall have the capabilities of a Level II Hospital, increasing its authorized bed capacity from seventy (70) to two hundred (200) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan that shall be prepared by the Chief of Hospital and submitted to the DOH.

Section 5. Upgrade of Services and Facilities. The existing professional health care services, equipment, and facilities of the hospital shall also be upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as provided for in Section 4 hereof.

Section 6. Increase in Personnel. The existing workforce of the Bayawan General Hospital, including medical, nursing, and support personnel, shall be increased correspondingly to meet the demands of a Level II hospital. The Secretary of Health shall, in consultation with the Chief of Hospital, and in coordination with the Secretary of

Budget and Management, the Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission, and other relevant government agencies, determine the necessary additional positions to be created and filled.

Section 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* The Secretary of the 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. Further, the Secretary shall within six (6) months following the effectivity of this Act, promulgate rules and regulations as may be necessary for its effective implementation.

Section 8. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, executive orders, and other presidential issuances which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Section 9. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,