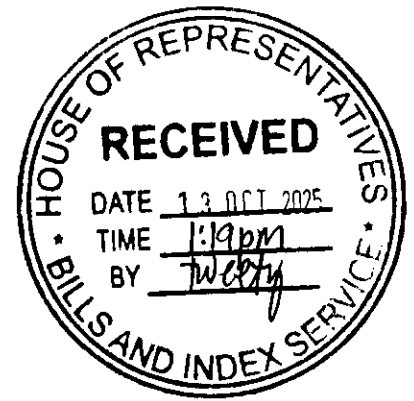


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 15 of the Constitution provides: “*The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.*” This provision directs the government to prioritize public health and ensure that citizens are afforded their fundamental right to health and well-being.

At present, the entire Island Garden City of Samal depends on a single provincial hospital with a capacity of only twenty-five (25) beds, and there are no private hospitals. These 25 beds are expected to serve the 116,638 residents listed by the 2024 census. In addition, 921,748 tourists visited the city in 2024 alone, and the number is expected to increase with the completion of the bridge connecting the island to Davao City.

These numbers translate to a bed-to-population ratio of 0.21 per 1,000 people. This figure falls significantly below the national average of 0.50 and is far from the recommended ratios of 1.5 by the Philippine Institute for Development Studies and 2.0 by the World Health Organization. With the influx of tourists to consider, the situation becomes even more concerning.

The establishment of the Island Garden City of Samal Hospital will help address this concern and fulfill the State’s commitment to making essential health services available to all Filipinos. This initiative will deliver accessible, affordable, and quality healthcare, particularly to underserved communities, ensuring that every citizen and visitor can fully realize their fundamental right to health and well-being.

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


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING IN THE ISLAND GARDEN CITY OF SAMAL, DAVAO DEL NORTE, A GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE ISLAND GARDEN CITY OF SAMAL HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established in the Island Garden City of Samal a Level I general hospital, with a capacity of fifty (50) beds, to be known as the Island Garden City of Samal Hospital, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - Article II, Section 15 of the Constitution provides: “The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.”

Recognizing that the State shall endeavor to make essential health services available to all Filipinos, the establishment of Island Garden City of Samal Hospital is intended to provide accessible, affordable and quality healthcare services, particularly to the underserved communities, ensuring that every citizen can enjoy the fundamental right to health and well-being.

SEC. 3. To ensure the provision of integrated and efficient healthcare services in the Province of Davao del Norte, the Island Garden City of Samal Hospital shall consult and coordinate with the Provincial Government of Davao del Norte in the formulation and implementation of its health development plan.

SEC. 4. 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 General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and Civil Service Commission,

shall promulgate rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act within three (3) months from its effectivity

SEC. 6. *Separability Clause* – If any provision of this Act shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions of this Act shall remain in force and effect.

SEC.7. *Repealing Clause* – All laws, executive orders, issuances, and rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts of provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC.8. *Effectivity*. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,