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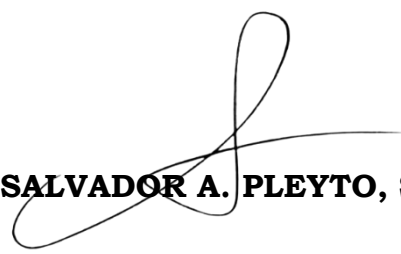
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Angat, located in the Province of Bulacan, is a growing community with a significant population that currently lacks adequate healthcare facilities within its immediate vicinity. Residents are often compelled to travel to neighboring towns or cities to access even basic hospital services, leading to delays in medical attention, increased financial burden, and inconvenience, especially during emergencies.

The existing healthcare infrastructure, primarily composed of rural health units and barangay health stations, is insufficient to address the comprehensive medical needs of the populace, particularly for cases requiring hospitalization, specialized care, or surgical interventions.

This proposed bill seeks to address this critical gap by establishing a fifty (50)-bed capacity municipal hospital in Angat, Bulacan. Such a facility will not only provide accessible and quality healthcare services to the residents of Angat but also serve as a crucial medical hub for surrounding communities. It will alleviate the strain on hospitals in adjacent areas, improve health outcomes, reduce healthcare disparities, and contribute significantly to the overall well-being and development of the municipality. The establishment of the Angat Municipal Hospital is a vital step towards ensuring the constitutional right of every Filipino to health and medical care.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate consideration and approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FIFTY (50)-BED CAPACITY MUNICIPAL
HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANGAT, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, TO
BE KNOWN AS THE ANGAT MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Angat Municipal
Hospital Act."

SEC. 2. *Establishment of a Municipal Hospital.* - There is hereby
established, under the direct supervision and control of the Department of
Health (DOH), a fifty (50)-bed capacity municipal hospital in the Municipality of
Angat, Province of Bulacan, to be known as the Angat Municipal Hospital.

SEC. 3. *Objectives.* - The Angat Municipal Hospital shall have the following
objectives:

- a. To provide accessible, affordable, and quality medical and healthcare
services to the residents of Angat, Bulacan, and its neighboring
communities;
- b. To serve as a primary referral center for various medical conditions,
including emergency cases, general medical and surgical procedures,
maternal and child care, and other basic hospital services;
- c. To complement the existing healthcare delivery system in the province
and alleviate the burden on other hospitals;

- d. To promote health education, disease prevention, and community health programs; and
- e. To serve as a training ground for medical and allied health professionals.

SEC. 4. *Hospital Services.* - The Angat Municipal Hospital shall offer, but not be limited to, the following services:

- a. Emergency and Outpatient Services;
- b. Inpatient Services (General Medicine, Pediatrics, Obstetrics-Gynecology, and General Surgery);
- c. Diagnostic Services (Laboratory, X-ray, Ultrasound);
- d. Pharmacy Services; e. Dental Services;
- f. Dietary Services; and
- g. Other allied medical and support services as may be necessary.

SEC. 5. *Site and Construction.* - The Municipality of Angat, in coordination with the Department of Health, shall determine the suitable site for the construction of the Angat Municipal Hospital, ensuring its accessibility to the majority of the population. The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall assist in the planning and construction of the hospital facilities, adhering to national standards for healthcare infrastructure.

SEC. 6. *Medical and Hospital Staff.* The Secretary of Health shall, in coordination with the Angat Municipal Government, determine the organizational structure, staffing pattern, and corresponding plantilla positions for the Angat Municipal Hospital. The hospital shall be adequately staffed with qualified medical, nursing, allied health, and administrative personnel to ensure efficient and effective delivery of healthcare services.

SEC. 7. *Equipment and Facilities.* - The Department of Health shall provide the necessary medical equipment, apparatus, and other facilities to ensure the efficient operation of the Angat Municipal Hospital, in accordance with the standards set by the DOH for a 50-bed capacity hospital.

SEC. 8. *Funding.* - The initial funding for the establishment, construction, equipping, and initial operation of the Angat Municipal Hospital shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Department of Health. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The Municipality of Angat may also provide counterpart funds and accept donations, grants, and other forms of assistance for the hospital's development.

SEC. 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Health, in consultation with the local government unit of Angat, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 10. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 11. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 12. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,