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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Access to quality maternal and child healthcare remains a critical concern in many parts of the Philippines, particularly in geographically isolated and underserved areas such as the Province of Bohol.

The Garcia Memorial Provincial Hospital in Talibon, Bohol currently serves as one of the primary government healthcare facilities in the northeastern part of Bohol. However, it faces constraints in addressing the increasing demand for specialized maternal, neonatal, and pediatric services.

Upgrading and converting the hospital into the Garcia Memorial Mother and Child Specialty Hospital with an authorized bed capacity of one hundred fifty (150) will significantly strengthen healthcare delivery in the region.

This initiative aligns with the mandate of the Department of Health to reduce maternal and infant mortality rates and supports the goal of universal health care.

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


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE GARCIA MEMORIAL PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN
TALIBON, BOHOL INTO A SPECIALTY HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE
GARCIA MEMORIAL WOMEN AND CHILDREN SPECIALTY HOSPITAL,
INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150), AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Conversion. The Garcia Memorial Provincial Hospital located in the Municipality of Talibon, Province of Bohol is hereby converted into a specialty hospital to be known as the Garcia Memorial Women and Children Specialty Hospital (GMMCSH) to be manage and operated by the Department of Health.

SEC. 2. Bed Capacity. The authorized bed capacity of the Garcia Memorial Women and Children Specialty Hospital is hereby increased to one hundred fifty (150) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be subject to the approval of the Department of Health.

SEC. 3. Scope of Services. The hospital shall primarily provide comprehensive, accessible, available, resilient and quality healthcare services focused on women's and children's' health i.e. maternal and reproductive health, gynecologic care, genomic medicine, neonatal and pediatric care, cancer in women and children, and other diseases in women and children.

SEC. 4. Facilities and Equipment. The hospital shall be upgraded to support its expanded capacity and specialized services, including NICU, PICU, maternal care units, diagnostics, and emergency services.

SEC. 5. Staffing and Human Resources. The Department of Health, in coordination with the Civil Service Commission and the Department of Budget and Management, shall determine and approve the necessary staffing pattern.

SEC. 6. Management and Supervision. The hospital shall continue to be under the administrative and technical supervision of the Department of Health, in coordination with the Provincial Government of Bohol.

SEC. 7. Appropriations. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Health shall issue the necessary rules and regulations.

SEC. 9. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 10. Repealing Clause. All laws inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 11. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication.