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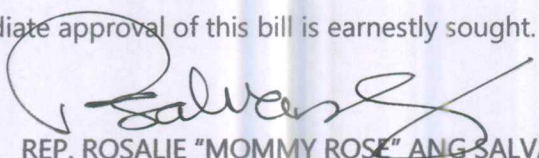
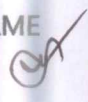
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution states that – *"The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."* Furthermore, Article XIII, Section 11 of the Philippine Constitution emphasizes that – *"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. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers."*

The establishment of hospitals locally reduce travel time dramatically, ensuring patients to receive prompt emergency treatment. Studies have shown that outcomes are significantly better when patients can reach quality care within 20 minutes. The Municipality of Taytay in the Province of Palawan is situated in the middle of other municipalities that still lack local hospitals that will provide a quality health care system. Also, other nearby hospitals are crowded with patients making the provision of immediate care services, under the standard time frame, nearly impossible. Thus, the establishment of a Medical Tourism Center in the said municipality will not only benefit residents of the said area but will provide additional effective and efficient health care services for nearby municipalities.

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


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AN ACT

**ESTABLISHING A SPECIALTY HEALTH CARE FACILITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAYTAY,
PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE TAYTAY MEDICAL TOURISM CENTER AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established in the Municipality of Taytay, Province of Palawan, a level 1 health care facility which shall function as a Specialty Tourism Hospital to be known as the Taytay Medical Tourism Center.

SECTION 2. The Taytay Medical Tourism Center shall have the capabilities of a Level I Hospital with Fifteen (15) to Twenty (20) bed capacity.

SECTION 3. Any future increase in bed capacity, healthcare facilities, service capability, and human resource complement shall be based on the hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the Department of Health (DOH).

SECTION 4. The Taytay Medical Tourism Center shall be under the administrative control of the Department of Health. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's programs in the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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

Approved,