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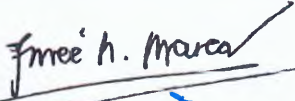
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 15 of Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "*The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.*"

On 2 June 2020, the undersigned filed Senate Bill No. 1569, entitled: "An Act Establishing a Hundred-Bed Extension of the Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital in the Province of Ifugao, to be known as the Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital - Ifugao Extension Hospital, And Appropriating Funds Therefor" which was referred to the Committee on Health and Demography. However, on 11 September 2020, Former Health Secretary Francisco Francis T. Duque III stated that instead of establishing an extension of the Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital (LHMRH) in Ifugao, a separate hospital with mandates to have its own Personnel Services (PS), Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), and Capital Outlays (CO) to avoid stretching the resources of LHMRH, shall be established within the province.

Hence, this bill seeks to establish a hospital in the Province of Ifugao to be known as the Eastern Cordillera Regional Hospital. This will meet the healthcare needs of the people of Ifugao and those living at Mt. Province's eastern border, as well as those of the provinces of Kalinga and Apayao.

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


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

1 **SECTION 1.** *Establishment of Regional Hospital.* — There shall be established,
2 a regional hospital in the Province of Ifugao to be known as the Eastern Cordillera
3 Regional Hospital, the initial bed capacity and service capability, and succeeding
4 increases thereof, shall be based on the hospital development plan to be prepared by
5 the DOH.

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7 **SEC. 2.** *Composition.* — The Eastern Cordillera Regional Hospital shall be
8 constructed and located between the boundary or adjacent to the boundary of the
9 Municipality of Aguineldo and Municipality of Mayoyao, Province of Ifugao.

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11 **SEC. 3.** *Personnel.* — After the construction of the Eastern Cordillera Regional
12 Hospital, the Department of Health thru the Secretary of Health shall make sure that
13 personnel of the regional hospital will be provided and appointed thereof and that funds
14 for its maintenance and operations are provided for.

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16 **SEC. 4.** *Appropriations.* — The Secretary of the DOH shall immediately include in
17 the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be
18 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

1 **SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision or part of this Act is declared
2 unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force
3 and effect.

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5 **SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and
6 regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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8 **SEC. 7. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following
9 the completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper general
10 circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,