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**SENATE**  
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Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAYOYAO, PROVINCE OF**  
**IFUGAO, A LEVEL II GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE EASTERN**  
**CORDILLERA REGIONAL HOSPITAL, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE**  
**MAJOR FERDINAND EDRALIN MARCOS EMERGENCY HOSPITAL IN**  
**BARANGAY PANOPDOPAN, MUNICIPALITY OF LAMUT, IFUGAO, RETAINING**  
**ITS NAME AS SUCH, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

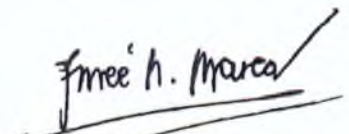
Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that, "*The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.*" It is the policy of the state to ensure that all communities have access to quality and accessible healthcare.

In the 2020 Census, the population of Ifugao was estimated to be 207,498 with a significant increase expected by 2050. This represents an increase of over 17,000 from the 2010 population of 191,078. Alfonso Lista had the highest recorded population (16.42%) of the eleven municipalities in Ifugao, followed by Lamut (12.64%), Aguineldo (10.18%), and Banaue (9.95%). Tinoc (8.9%), Kiangan (8.53%), Asipulo (7.69%), Mayoyao (7.53%), Hingyon (4.79%), and Hungduan (4.27%). Ifugao is a popular tourist destination, in fact, the province caters an estimated 250,000 foreign and domestic tourists and visitors each year. However, despite the fact that the province has a growing population and receives a lot of tourists each year, it is a known fact that the needs of the population cannot be met by the provincial health facilities.

Residents of Ifugao and visitors frequently have to travel beyond the province in order to access quality medical care.

Hence, this bill aims the establishment of the Eastern Cordillera Regional Hospital in the Municipality of Mayoyao, Province of Ifugao, and the integration thereof with the Major Ferdinand Edralin Marcos Emergency Hospital. Further, this will provide a decent hospital, while re-establishing the old Major Ferdinand Edralin Marcos Emergency Hospital in Barangay Panopdopan, Municipality of Lamut, Province of Ifugao, which was abandoned by the provincial government in 2010.

For the foregoing reasons, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
**IMEE R. MARCOS**



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

1           **SECTION 1.** There shall be established in the Municipality of Mayoyao, Province  
2 of Ifugao, a level II general hospital to be known as the Eastern Cordillera Regional  
3 Hospital, and integrating therewith the Major Ferdinand Edralin Marcos Emergency  
4 Hospital in the Municipality of Lamut, Ifugao, retaining its name as such, which shall be  
5 under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

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7           **SEC. 2.** Any further increase in bed capacity, healthcare facilities, service  
8 capability, and human resource complement shall be based on the hospital development  
9 plan that shall be prepared by the DOH.

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11           **SEC. 3.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's  
12 program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the  
13 annual General Appropriations Act.

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15           **SEC. 4.** All laws, executive orders, issuances and rules and regulations  
16 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.  
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1           **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
2 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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*Approved,*