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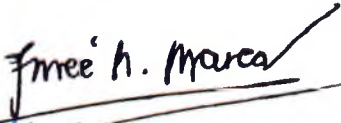
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Province of Pangasinan is composed of six (6) districts. The Third District is comprised of one (1) city and five (5) municipalities with 304 barangays and a population of over 780,000 as of 2020 Census. This population is bigger than that of 35 out of 81 provinces in the country. The proximity of Calasiao to the City of Dagupan considered the central business and financial district of Pangasinan, has naturally transformed Calasiao, into a center of social, cultural, and commercial activities for the Third District.

The municipality of Calasiao, despite being a first-class municipality, does not have its own hospital and the Third District is still in dire need of another district hospital for its huge population, equipped with complete health care services, with specialist doctors, and an intensive care unit. The pandemic has been a global public health challenge that exposed our health system vulnerabilities, mainly underinvesting in public health infrastructure such as hospitals that are proportionate with the population.

The bill seeks to establish a public hospital to be known as Calasiao District Hospital to address the increased demand for health and medical services of the people of Pangasinan, particularly, in general, catering to those living in its most populated Third District.

For the foregoing reasons, the 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.** There shall be established at least a two hundred (200) bed
2 capacity, under the direct supervision of the Department of Health a District Hospital
3 in the Municipality of Calasiao, Province of Pangasinan, in accordance with the
4 standards of the Department of Health, to be known as the Calasiao District Hospital.

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6 **SEC. 2.** Before the construction of the hospital, the Secretary of Health shall
7 issue a written assurance that personnel of the hospital will be appointed and that
8 funds for its maintenance and operation have been appropriated.

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10 **SEC. 3.** Within ninety (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of
11 the DOH, in consultation with the Secretary of Budget and Management, shall
12 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the Provisions of this Act.

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

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18 **SEC. 5.** If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the
19 remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.
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1 **SEC. 6.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, and other presidential issuance
2 which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
3 accordingly

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5 **SEC. 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
6 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,