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Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

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CONVERTING THE LA PAZ DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF LA PAZ, PROVINCE OF ABRA INTO A GENERAL HOSPITAL UNDER THE
FULL AUTHORITY AND TECHNICAL SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH TO BE KNOWN AS THE LA PAZ GENERAL HOSPITAL,
INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM TWENTY-FIVE (25) BEDS TO ONE
HUNDRED (100) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 15 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.

The La Paz District Hospital, is a government infirmary accommodating its surrounding municipalities namely, Danglas, Lagayan, San Juan, Tineg and Langiden, with only twenty-five (25) bed capacity.

To ensure that these communities are provided efficient access to quality healthcare, this bill seeks to convert the La Paz District Hospital into a general hospital and increase its authorized bed capacity from twenty-five (25) to one hundred (100).

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is immediately sought.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The La Paz District Hospital in the Municipality of La Paz, Province
2 of Abra is hereby converted into a general hospital under the full authority and technical
3 supervision of the Department of Health to be known as La Paz General Hospital.
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5 **SEC. 2.** The authorized bed capacity of the La Paz General Hospital shall be
6 increased from twenty-five (25) to one hundred (100) beds.
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8 **SEC. 3.** The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services of
9 the La Paz General Hospital, shall correspondingly be upgraded to include the increase
10 in the number of its medical personnel. The Department of Health (DOH), in coordinate
11 with the Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission,
12 shall determine the additional *plantilla* positions to be created and filled up upon
13 consultation with the La Paz General Hospital.
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1 **SEC. 4.** All accounts and expenses of the La Paz General Hospital shall be
2 audited by the Commission on Audit.

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4 **SEC. 5.** The Department of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and
5 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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7 **SEC. 6.** The DOH, through its approved annual budget, shall initially provide the
8 necessary funding to support the increase in bed capacity of the VSMMC. The entire
9 budgetary requirements of VSMMC for its operation and the upgrading of its facilities
10 and services shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act the following
11 year of its enactment.

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

Approved,