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Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A GENERAL HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF ILIGAN, PROVINCE
OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ILIGAN GENERAL HOSPITAL
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIII, Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution provides 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.*"

Iligan City is geographically located in the Province of Lanao del Norte but administered independently from the province and part of the Region X. There is only one government hospital in Iligan, the Gregorio T. Lluch Memorial Hospital which is managed by the local government unit of Iligan City. Regrettably, the said hospital is not equipped with adequate medical facilities and services to cater all the needs of the people. The residents of Iligan City still have to endure the two-hour journey to Cagayan de Oro just to attain better medical services.

Taking into consideration these circumstances and pursuant to the constitutional mandate of the State, this measure seeks to establish a general hospital in Iligan City to augment the lack of efficient, accessible and affordable health care in the City.

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

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

1 **SECTION 1.** There shall be established in the City of Iligan, Province of Lanao
2 del Norte, a general hospital, to be known as the Iligan General Hospital, which shall
3 be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

4 Any future increase in bed capacity and upgrading of healthcare services and
5 facilities shall be based on the hospital development plan which shall be prepared by
6 the DOH.

7 **SEC. 2.** Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary
8 of Health shall prepare and issue the necessary rules and regulations for its effective
9 implementation consistent with the hospital development plan.

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

13 **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
14 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,