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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A 25-BED CAPACITY HOSPITAL IN BARANGAY CASIG-ANG MUNICIPALITY OF SANTO TOMAS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SANTO TOMAS MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

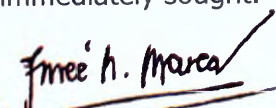
EXPLANATORY NOTE

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 Municipality of Santo Tomas in the Province of Davao del Norte is a rural area where immediate health care is not accessible. According to the 2020 census, it has a population of 128,687 people. The municipal government has already acquired an area intended for the establishment of the municipal hospital. However, it cannot afford the cost of the equipment and facilities, as well as the salaries and wages of the staff. The Sangguniang Bayan of Santo Tomas has approved Resolution No. 335, Series of 2020, requesting funding of the proposed hospital.

Hence, the bill seeks the establishment of a 25-bed capacity hospital in Barangay Casig-ang, Municipality of Santo Tomas in the Province of Davao del Norte. This measure is expected to augment the delivery of health services of the Rural Health Unit (RHU) of the municipality, benefitting not only the residents of Santo Tomas, but also those from the neighboring municipalities.

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.** There shall be established, under the supervision of the  
2 Department of Health (DOH), a 25-bed capacity hospital in Barangay Casig-ang,  
3 Municipality of Santo Tomas, Province of Davao del Norte, to be known as the Santo  
4 Tomas Municipal Hospital.

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6       **SEC. 2.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be  
7 charged against the appropriations authorized for the purpose under the fiscal year  
8 2024 General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the  
9 operations and maintenance of the herein hospital shall be included in the annual  
10 General Appropriations Act.

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12       **SEC. 3.** Before the construction of the hospital, the Secretary of the Department  
13 of Health (DOH) shall issue a written assurance that personnel of the hospital will be  
14 appointed, and that funds for its maintenance and operations have been appropriated.

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16       **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
17 Official Gazette or in newspaper of general circulation.  
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*Approved,*