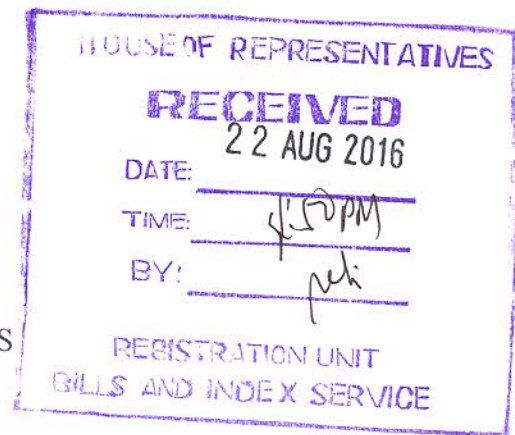


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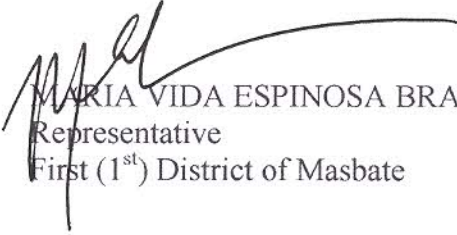
While our government is on the track in terms of economic targets, it continues to face the challenge of achieving social outcome targets. Focused as ever to the governments' thrust which aimed to achieve universal health care for all, this Representation believes that investing in health care for all means is critical for reducing poverty and promoting inclusive development.

As a reiteration, this Representation believes that health challenges in isolated and disadvantaged areas are difficult but not impossible.

Pararell to the constitutional guarantee to protect and promote the right of the people and instill health consciousness among them is the governments' thrust, which this humble Representation believes that inclusive development requires the equalization of opportunities for the constituency.

Ticao District Hospital in the First District of Masbate is in need of upgrading to the next level as a delivery system of health care. Said upgrading will protect and promote the right to accessing health services of the people.

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

  
MARIA VIDA ESPINOSA BRAVO  
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AN ACT  
UPGRADING THE TICAO DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN TICAO ISLAND,  
MASBATE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. Title---There shall be known as the “Upgraded Ticao  
District Hospital Act of 2016.”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy---It is hereby declared the policy  
of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health  
consciousness among them.

SECTION 3. Appropriations---The Secretary of the Department of  
Health (DOH) shall immediately include in the Departments’ program the  
implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual  
General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. Interpretation---The provisions of this Act shall be  
construed liberally in favor of achieving an upgraded status corresponding to the  
Departments’ rules and regulations and those not consistent herewith shall be  
suppletory application in the implementation of this Act.

SECTION 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations.---Ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act, the DOH, in consultation with the Ticao District Hospital shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations necessary to effectively implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 6. Separability Clause---If any part of this Act is declared by the courts as unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the other parts or sections hereof and shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 7 Repealing Clause---All other laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act or any provision hereof are hereby repealed or are modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. Effectivity Clause---This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation readily available and in around the scope specified herein. It shall likewise be posted in conspicuous place at the Municipal Halls of Batuan, San Fernando, San Jacinto, Monreal, Claveria and San Pascual, located in the islands of Ticao and Burias respectively and in the barangay hall where the hospital is located and in other places frequented by the public.

Approved,