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**Introduced by Honorable Florida P. Robes**

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TERTIARY HOSPITAL IN THE  
CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE BULACAN AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

**SECTION 1.** There shall be established a tertiary hospital with a minimum of 100 bed capacity to be known as St. Bernadette Children and Maternity Hospital hereinafter referred to as the Hospital.

**SEC. 2.** The hospital shall be located at Brgy. Graceville, City of San Jose Del Monte Bulacan.

**SEC. 3.** The hospital shall provide specialized consultative care with a full complement of services including pediatrics, obstetrics, general medicine, gynecology, various branches or surgery and psychiatry


**SEC. 4.** The Hospital shall be under the full administrative and technical supervision of the Department of Health, which shall increase its operating fund; upgrade its medical equipment and facilities; and construct its needed infrastructure.

**SEC. 5.** The sum necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations for the Department of Health under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the continued operation of the Center shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

**SEC. 6.** The Secretary of Health shall promulgate within sixty (60) days the Implementing Rules and Regulations that shall be necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

**SEC. 7. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified.

**SEC. 8. Separability Clause.** – If for any reason any section or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions thereof, shall not be repealed or modified.



**SEC. 9. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in any two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks the establishment of a tertiary hospital in the Lone District of San Jose Del Monte, Province of Bulacan. The passage of this Bill is intimated on Section 15, Article II which states, "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them". The State is likewise mandated "to adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other services available to all people at affordable cost."

Based on the 2015 Census, the City of San Jose Del Monte, Province of Bulacan ranked 19th among the most populated cities in the Philippines, with a population of approximately 574, 098 and still growing. Notwithstanding this number, the City has only one government-run hospital, the Ospital ng Lungsod ng San Jose Del Monte City or San Jose Del Monte Hospital. The management of which was turned over to the local government in January 2002, but continues to straggle up to this time due to limited budget. With its fifty (50) bed capacity facility, there is no doubt that it could not meet the health and medical requirements of the populace, majority of which are living below poverty line. Thus, they are deprived of their right to health as guaranteed by the fundamental law of the land.

The idea behind the establishment of a tertiary hospital is not just to provide tertiary care but to serve as a community hub, a place that will facilitate interactions between medical professionals and the community in the promotion of health and wellness. This tertiary hospital should also initiate programs that would teach prevention. The Author believes that if this is done, we would have a healthier population. This will save the government a lot of money.

In light thereof, its immediate approval is earnestly sought.

  
**FLORIDA P. ROBES**