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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proximity of Zaragoza, Nueva Ecija to the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX) and the newly constructed Tarlac-Pangasinan-La Union Expressway (TPLEX) makes it the ideal place to establish the Central Luzon Trauma Center, a medical facility which will primarily cater to trauma and emergency cases.


Furthermore, the soon-to-be constructed Central Luzon Link Expressway (CLLEX) will have an interchange within Zaragoza itself. With all of these expressways, vehicular accidents are bound to happen, further justifying the need for a hospital specializing in trauma and emergency cases.

Presently, there is no existing hospital, private or government-funded, in the municipality. Although there are a handful of clinics available, the services offered are limited and emergency care non-existent.

In cases that urgent care is needed, the patient has to be transported to another facility outside of the municipality, the nearest of which is approximately 15 kilometers away. In a matter of life and death, 15 kilometers would surely mean death.

Establishment of the Central Luzon Trauma Center would ensure that trauma cases occurring within and near Zaragoza, especially those involved in vehicular accidents on or near the expressways, would have immediate access to medical care.

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


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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE CENTRAL LUZON TRAUMA CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ZARAGOZA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA UNDER THE FULL ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a fifty (50)-bed capacity hospital to be known as the Central Luzon Trauma Center in the Municipality of Zaragoza, Nueva Ecija under the full administrative and technical supervision of the Department of Health.

SEC. 2. The Department of Health shall provide funding for the establishment and operation of the Central Luzon Trauma Center.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,