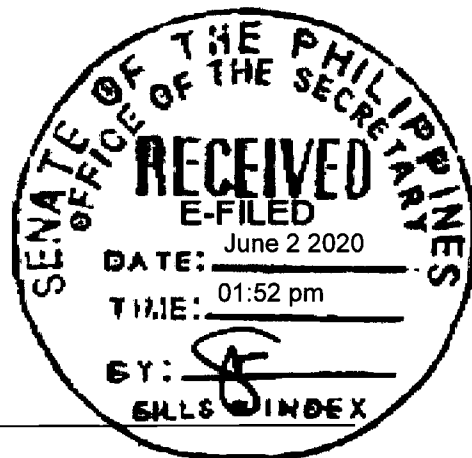


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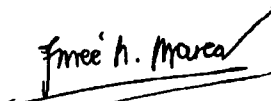
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect 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 Kalinga Provincial Hospital provides affordable services to the residents of the Province of Kalinga and its neighboring provinces. It is the only hospital in the province that caters to the health and medical needs of the its residents. For several years, the hospital has catered beyond its authorized bed occupancy rate with limited facilities and undermanned workforce has been a challenge to provide.

To address this problem, this bill proposes to convert the hospital to a level three hospital, upgrade its facilities and personnel, and as increase its bed capacity to three hundred (300) beds. This will firmly address the pressing medical needs of the locality and its neighboring communities such as the provinces of Isabela, Apayao, Ifugao, Mountain Province and Abra.

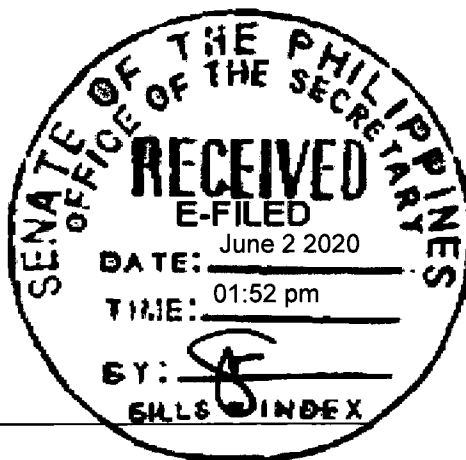
In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Northern Cordillera
2 Regional Medical Center Act”.

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4 SEC. 2. *Conversion.* – The Kalinga Provincial Hospital in the City of Tabuk,
5 Province of Kalinga is hereby converted into a Level 3 Regional Hospital to be known
6 as the Northern Cordillera Regional Medical Center (NCRMC), and shall be under the
7 supervision, control and management of the Department of Health (DOH).

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9 For this purpose, the bed capacity of NCRMC shall be increased to three
10 hundred (300) beds.

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12 SEC. 3. *Upgrade of Facilities, Services and Increase of Personnel.* – The hospital
13 facilities and services of the NCRMC shall be upgraded and increased to conform with
14 and be commensurate to the increase in its authorized bed capacity as provided for in
15 Section 2 of this Act, and consistent with the requirements of modern medical services
16 and its status as a level 3 regional hospital.

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18 The number of medical and service personnel, maintenance and other
19 operating expenses of the NCRMC shall be correspondingly increased to conform with
20 Section 2 of this Act

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22 SEC. 4. *Appropriations.* – the Secretary of Health shall immediately include in
23 the Department’s programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall
24 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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26 SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days from
27 the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Health, in consultation with the Secretary of

1 Budget and Management shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to
2 implement the Provisions of this Act.

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4 SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders and other
5 presidential issuances which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed,
6 amended or modified accordingly.

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8 SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
9 publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,