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AN ACT

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LEVEL HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM ONE HUNDRED
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THEREFOR**

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 Caraga Regional Hospital (CRH) is a second level Teaching and Training Hospital and the only regional DOH hospital in Caraga. It is the core referral hospital of the residents of the Caraga Region and its neighboring municipalities and provinces. The current authorized bed capacity of Caraga Hospital is one hundred fifty (150) beds, while the average occupancy rate is 169.58%, which is inadequate to meet the medical and health care needs of patients that need to be admitted.

To address this problem, this bill proposes to upgrade the CRH from a level 2 to a level 3 Teaching and Training Hospital to make medical and health care services more accessible to the rising population of the Caraga Region and its surrounding communities. It also proposes to increase the bed occupancy of CHR from one hundred fifty (150) beds to five hundred (500) beds to accommodate more patients that need admission.

For the abovementioned reasons, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

1 **Section 1.** The Caraga Regional Hospital located in Barangay Washington,
2 Surigao City, Province of Surigao del Norte, is hereby upgraded into a tertiary level
3 hospital and its authorized bed capacity increased from one hundred fifty (150) to five
4 hundred (500) beds.

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6 **Section 2.** The increase in bed capacity of the Caraga Region Hospital from
7 one hundred fifty (150) to five hundred (500) beds shall be implemented for a period
8 of two (2) years from the approval of this Act.

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10 **Section 3.** The construction and upgrading of the hospital facilities and
11 services shall be under the direct supervision and control of the Department of Health.

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13 **Section 4.** The Secretary of the Department of Health shall include in the
14 Department's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be
15 included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

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17 **Section 5.** Republic Act No. 8255, entitled "An Act Converting the Surigao del
18 Norte Provincial Hospital in Surigao City into a Regional Training Hospital to be known
19 as Caraga Regional Hospital, and Appropriating Funds therefor" is hereby amended
20 accordingly.

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22 **Section 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
23 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,