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S.B. No. 1576

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AN ACT

UPGRADING THE APARRI PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF APARRI, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN INTO A LEVEL II GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE APARRI MEDICAL CENTER, PLACING IT UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY TO 100 BEDS, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

One of the means to implement the constitutional mandate enunciated in Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution¹ is to ensure that our health facilities, especially hospitals, in cities and provinces are improved and provided with adequate resources and support to serve the needs of the people.

For more than 47 years, the Aparri Provincial Hospital (APH) has served not only the ailing constituents of the municipality of Aparri, Cagayan but also patients coming from its neighboring towns of Lallo, Gattaran, Buguey, Camanalaniugan, Sta. Ana, Sta. Teresa, Gonzaga, Lasam, Allacapan, Island of Camiguin and Calayan. With the passage of Republic Act No. 7381 in 1992, the APH became a referral hospital of

¹ Sec. 11. The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled women and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.

different district hospitals in the Province of Cagayan and the Island of Calayan and Camiguin.

However, the growing population of the municipality of Aparri and its nearby towns and the absence of a nearby higher-level hospital facilities emphasize the need to upgrade and rehabilitate APH's facilities to allow it to provide a higher quality of health care services to its constituents and to alleviate the hardships of patients from neighboring towns to travel long hours to Tuguegarao City to avail the services of a higher-level kind of hospital.

Accordingly, this bill seeks to upgrade the existing Aparri Provincial Hospital in the Municipality of Aparri in the Province of Cagayan into a Level II General Hospital under the direct supervision and control of the Department of Health, to increase its bed capacity to 100 beds, to upgrade its professional health care services and facilities, and to authorize the increase in its medical personnel.

Considering the laudable objective of this bill, its immediate passage 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. The Aparri Provincial Hospital in the Municipality of Aparri,
2 Province of Cagayan, is hereby upgraded from a Level I into a Level II General
3 Hospital to be known as the Aparri Medical Center (AMC) which shall be placed
4 under the management, direct supervision and control of the Department of
5 Health (DOH).
- 6 The authorized bed capacity of the medical center is hereby increased
7 from seventy-five (75) to one hundred (100) beds. Any future increase in the
8 hospital's bed capacity shall be based on its hospital development plan which
9 shall be prepared by the hospital management of the AMC and submitted to the
10 DOH to reflect the development goals of the hospital.

1 SEC. 2. The existing operating fund, service capability, and professional
2 health care services of the AMC shall be upgraded and increased to conform
3 with and be commensurate to its nationalization and the increase in bed capacity
4 as provided in Section 1 hereof, consistent with the hospital development plan.
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6 SEC. 3. The existing workforce of the AMC, including doctors, nurses and
7 support personnel shall be correspondingly increased to conform with Section 1
8 of this Act, consistent with the hospital development plan.

9 The DOH, in coordination with the Department of Budget and
10 Management (DBM) and the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and in consultation
11 with the management of the AMC, shall determine the additional plantilla
12 positions to be created and filled up.
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14 SEC. 4. The Secretary of the DOH shall immediately include in the
15 Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall
16 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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18 SEC. 5. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOH
19 shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) necessary to carry
20 out the purposes of this Act. The IRR shall be consistent and implemented with
21 the hospital development plan.
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23 SEC. 6. If any portion or provision of this Act be declared
24 unconstitutional, invalid or inoperable, the remaining portions or provisions
25 hereof that are not affected shall remain in full force and effect.
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27 SEC. 7. All other laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules and
28 regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this
29 Act are hereby amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.

1 SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
2 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.
 Approved,