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**AN ACT**  
**CONVERTING THE AGUSAN DEL NORTE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN**  
**BUTUAN CITY, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE INTO A LEVEL III**  
**TEACHING AND TRAINING HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE AGUSAN DEL**  
**NORTE GENERAL HOSPITAL AND TRAINING CENTER, AND**  
**APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

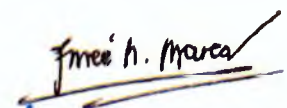
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that, "*The State shall protect and promote 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 Agusan del Norte Provincial Hospital in Butuan City is located at the center of the province. At present, the hospital is a medical institution at level I with a capacity of one hundred (100) beds that meet the medical needs of the people of Agusan del Norte Province and nearby provinces in Caraga Region. However, over the years, the hospital has been catering beyond its bed capacity, and the quality of providing health services is at stake.

This measure seeks to convert the Agusan del Norte Provincial Hospital into a Level III hospital and regional training center for medical personnel. This proposed measure also aims to help upgrade the government hospital and this training facility will provide trained medical personnel to cater the health care needs of the people in the province.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure earnestly sought.

  
**IMEE R. MARCOS**

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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 Agusan del Norte Provincial Hospital in Butuan City, Province  
2 of Agusan del Norte, is hereby upgraded into a Level III hospital with capacity as a  
3 teaching and training facility, in accordance with the standards of the Department of  
4 Health, to be known as the Agusan del Norte General Hospital and Training Center.

5       **SEC. 2.** The authorized bed capacity of the Hospital shall be increased from  
6 one hundred (100) to three hundred (300) beds, to be implemented for a period of  
7 not more than two (2) years from the effectivity of this Act.

8       **SEC. 3.** The existing professional health care services, medical equipment and  
9 facilities, operating funds and construction of the needed infrastructure of the Hospital  
10 shall be upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in its bed  
11 capacity as provided in the immediately preceding Section.

12       **SEC. 4.** The DOH shall in coordination with the Department of Budget and  
13 Management and the Civil Service Commission and upon prior consultation with the  
14 Chief of Hospital of the Hospital, determine the additional plantilla positions to be  
15 created and filled upon for the effective implementation of this Act.

16       **SEC. 5.** The amount necessary for the upgrade, including the acquisition of  
17 additional medical equipment and facilities. and the construction of needed  
18 infrastructure shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the DOH.

1    Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this  
2    Act and continuous operation of the Hospital shall be included in the annual General  
3    Appropriations Act.

4           **SEC. 6.** The Secretary of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and  
5    regulations for the implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.

6           **SEC. 7.** All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or other issuances or  
7    parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended  
8    or modified accordingly.

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

*Approved,*