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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Dr. Fernando B. Duran, Sr. Memorial Hospital (formerly Sorsogon Provincial Hospital) in the Province of Sorsogon into a tertiary hospital which shall be placed under the supervision and control of the Department of Health.

Section 15, Article II of the Constitution provides that "*The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill consciousness among them.*" It is then the obligation of the State to enhance the delivery of health services to the people.

The Dr. Fernando B. Duran, Sr. Memorial Hospital (formerly Sorsogon Provincial Hospital) caters to the medical and health needs of the people in the Province of Sorsogon. Converting the hospital to a tertiary hospital with an increased bed capacity will provide better health services. Upgraded and efficient facilities which will emphasize preventive care will be readily available for the patients. Hopefully, it will also result in a decrease in the mortality rate in the province. Increasing its bed capacity to two hundred fifty (250) beds will greatly benefit the people of the province and nearby areas considering the additional number of patients that the hospital will be able to accommodate.

In view of the foregoing, early passage of the bill is urgently requested.

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**AN ACT**  
**CONVERTING THE DR. FERNANDO B. DURAN, SR. MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (FORMERLY SORSOGON PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL) IN THE PROVINCE OF SORSOGON FROM SECONDARY TO TERTIARY LEVEL HOSPITAL UNDER THE FULL ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM ONE HUNDRED (100) TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (250) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The Dr. Fernando B. Duran, Sr. Memorial Hospital (formerly Sorsogon Provincial Hospital) in the Province of Sorsogon is hereby converted from secondary to tertiary hospital under the direct administrative and technical supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

SEC. 2. The authorized bed capacity of the Dr. Fernando B. Duran, Sr. Memorial Hospital in the Province of Sorsogon is hereby increased from one hundred (100) to two hundred fifty (250) beds.

SEC. 3. The existing hospital facilities and professional healthcare services of the Dr. Fernando B. Duran, Sr. Memorial Hospital are hereby upgraded and increased commensurate to the increase in bed capacity. The number of medical personnel shall be correspondingly increased.

SEC. 4. The Provincial Government of Sorsogon shall continue to provide the necessary funds to support the increase in bed capacity of the Dr. Fernando B. Duran, Sr. Memorial Hospital and the corresponding upgrading of its facilities and services until such time that the DOH shall have fully funded the capital outlay requirements of the hospital and its operating expenses in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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

Approved,