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Introduced by Rep. Sandra Y. Eriguel

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to upgrade the services and facilities of the La Union Medical Center (LUMC) in the Municipality of Agoo, Province of La Union by increasing its bed capacity from One Hundred (100) to Two Hundred (200) beds, establishing a trauma center therein, authorizing the increase of its personnel, and appropriating funds therefor.

The LUMC has a trailblazing track record of excellence, steady growth and significant accomplishments since its establishment by the Provincial Government of La Union as an economic enterprise in 2002 and later with the enactment in 2004 of **Republic Act No. 9259** otherwise known as "**The La Union Medical Center Charter**" with the purpose of delivering quality and affordable medical and surgical care to the people of La Union in particular, and Region I in general.

The need for additional beds and a trauma center in LUMC becomes more imperative in view of the near completion of the Tarlac Pangasinan La Union Expressway (TPLEX).

A "crown jewel" of the Province of La Union, it has maintained a steady growth in its internally generated revenues as a local government owned and controlled corporation as could be gleaned from the impressive data below. The LUMC has attained the following:

- **735% (P84,857,871) increase in Internally Generated Income** from P11,083,553 in CY 2002 to P95,941,424 in CY 2012 while the **financial subsidy from the Provincial Government of La Union remained the same at P35,000,000 in the past five (5) years.**
- **203% Manpower Increase** from 139 employees in December 2001 to 298 in December 2012.
- **135% Bed Occupancy Rate** in CY 2012.
- **184 Actual Bed Count** since 8 years ago.

The upgrading of the LUMC is therefore highly justified. Accordingly, approval of this Bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT UPGRADING THE SERVICES AND FACILITIES OF THE LA UNION MEDICAL CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGOO, PROVINCE OF LA UNION BY INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY TO TWO HUNDRED (200) AND ESTABLISHING A TRAUMA CENTER THEREIN, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS PERSONNEL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The services and facilities of the La Union Medical Center (LUMC) in the Municipality of Agoo, Province of La Union, shall be upgraded and, accordingly, its bed capacity shall be increased from one hundred (100) to two hundred (200) beds, and a trauma center shall be established therein. The increase in bed capacity shall be done gradually over a three (3)-year period.

SEC. 2. The LUMC, through its Board of Trustees, is hereby authorized to increase and hire additional employees corresponding to the upgrading of its services and facilities and increase in bed capacity. The Chief of Hospital of the LUMC shall coordinate with the Department of Health, the Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission for the efficient and effective implementation of this Section.

SEC. 3. The provincial government of La Union and the LUMC are hereby authorized to provide the funds from their respective budgets necessary for the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. The amount of One Hundred Million Pesos shall be appropriated every year for a period of three years by the Department of Health from its Health Facilities Enhancement Program (HFEP) and other similar programs as financial assistance for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. All laws, decrees, ordinances, rules and regulations, executive or administrative orders, and other presidential issuances inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,