The Constitution states, “the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.”

Likewise, the Constitution further states, “the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which 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 to paupers.

In consonance with the abovementioned provisions in the Constitution, this bill seeks to convert the Candijay Community Hospital into a District Hospital to be known as the Candijay District Hospital, and increase its bed capacity from the current 10 to 50. Likewise, the proposed measure seeks to provide a corresponding upgrade in its service facilities and professional health care, and allocate sufficient funding for the district hospital.

The proposed upgrade will greatly improve accessibility of the people from the Third District of Bohol, specifically those from the municipality of Candijay and its nearby towns, to critical and essential medical services especially to the poor and the marginalized families.

In view of the vital role of the Candijay District Hospital in the efficient and effective delivery of health services to the people in the Third District of Bohol and its neighboring towns and municipalities, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE CANDIJAY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL IN THE THIRD DISTRICT OF BOHOL INTO A DISTRICT HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM TEN (10) TO FIFTY (50), UPGRADING ITS FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Candijay Community Hospital in the Municipality of Candijay, Province of Bohol, is hereby converted into a 50 bed capacity district hospital to be now known as the Candijay District Hospital.

SEC. 2. The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services of the Candijay Community Hospital are hereby upgraded and increased commensurate to the increase in bed capacity. The Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission, shall determine the additional positions to be created pursuant to this Act.

SEC. 3. The Candijay District Hospital shall be under the administrative control of the Department of Health. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department’s programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.
SEC. 5. All other laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of 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 any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,