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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Mindanao Central Sanitarium, formerly known as Zamboanga Leprosarium was created pursuant to Executive Order No. 392 dated 1930. It has a 450 authorized bed capacity that caters leprosy patients and their families with intercurrent disease and complications and a 13-bed capacity for general health care services. It is also the catchment and area responsibility for custodial care of hansenites patients covering the entire Mindanao.

Department Order No. 77 dated February 17, 1994 was issued increasing the role of the sanitarium whereby it also provides general health care services. This dual role of providing general health care services and custodial care has put a drain on the sanitarium's limited resources, both financial and manpower.

Furthermore, Department Order No. 375-5 dated July 26, 1994 expanded the legal mandate of the sanitarium where the latter was conceptualized as part of the DOH Hospital Upgrading Plan.

To better serve the increasing number of patients both for leprosy services and general health care services, it is imperative that the present Mindanao Central Sanitarium be upgraded into a Level 3 hospital with 300-bed capacity for general services in order to assume the role of maintaining the purpose and objective of providing better and improved health care for the entire region.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT**  
**UPGRADING THE MINDANAO CENTRAL SANITARIUM INTO A**  
**TERTIARY LEVEL HOSPITAL AND INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY**  
**FOR GENERAL CARE SERVICES TO THREE HUNDRED (300),**  
**APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

**SECTION 1.** Mindanao Central Sanitarium located in Pasobolong, Zamboanga City is hereby upgraded into a tertiary level hospital and the authorized bed capacity for general care services increased to three hundred (300).

**SEC. 2.** The Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and the Mindanao Central Sanitarium, shall determine the additional staff plantilla to be created pursuant to this Act.

**SEC. 3.** The increase in bed capacity of the Mindanao Central Sanitarium to three hundred (300) beds for general care services shall be implemented for a period of not more than four (4) years from the approval of this Act.

**SEC. 4.** 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. 5.** 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,