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HOUSE BILL NO. 1574

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Introduced by Congressman Alfredo D. Vargas III

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Section 15 of Article II of the 1987 Constitution embraces, as a matter of State policy, the goal *"to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."*

At present, Barangay San Agustin in Novaliches, Quezon City does not have a health center in its vicinity. As a result, its estimated 21,560 residents<sup>1</sup> are burdened to travel to neighboring barangays just to avail the health services provided by the government. Thus, a construction of a modern Super Health Center and Lying-in Maternity Clinic in the area is urgently needed.

In the case where this super health center will materialize, the people from Barangay San Agustin and its surrounding areas, especially the less fortunate, will be able to access decent health services. Community health centers have recognized roles in bridging the gap in the health care system of the country. Such roles should remain a priority of the State.

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

  
ALFREDO D. VARGAS III

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<sup>1</sup> 2014 Population of Barangay San Agustin, Novaliches, Quezon City, as provided by the City Planning and Development Office of the Local Government of Quezon City.

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**AN ACT**

**PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SUPER HEALTH CENTER AND LYING-IN CLINIC IN BARANGAY SAN AGUSTIN, QUEZON CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be provided the construction of a Super Health Center and Lying-in Clinic in Barangay San Agustin, Quezon City under the supervision of the Department of Health (DOH) or its authorized entity.

SEC. 2. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment and every year thereafter.

SEC. 3. *Implementation.* – The Secretary of the Department of Health shall issue rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* – 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,