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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Women are regarded as crucial partners in national-building through their multi-faceted and varied roles such as, but not limited to, being mothers, community workers, health professionals, and teachers. Affirmative and proactive programs, projects and activities directed to enhance their physical well-being, however, are still wanting.

Research studies conducted by the Department of Health show that many Filipino women of all ages develop breast cancer and die of it due to a number of reasons, including the failure to have themselves checked up regularly. Another cause is the lack of health facility where they can access cancer healthcare. Even if there are existing centers, the distance and costs deter them from undergoing such a vital medical procedure.

With allocations of the Health Department traditionally directed at core programs, mammography and breast cancer detection services are sometimes sidelined by competing priorities. Given the rising statistics of women mortality due to breast cancer, there is an urgent need to have such medical assistance made accessible to as many women as possible.

In view of the above premises, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A MAMMOGRAPHY AND BREAST CANCER CENTER IN THE
CITY OF NOVALICHES

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a mammography and breast cancer center in the city of Novaliches.

SECTION 2. The Department of Health (DOH) shall provide the amount of one hundred million pesos (P100,000,000) for the construction and establishment of such center.

SECTION 3. The amount needed for the continued operations of the Novaliches City be included in the annual budget of the Department of Health (DOH).

SECTION 4. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any provision of this Act or the application of such provision to any person, group, and circumstance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act shall not be affected by such declaration.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. The provisions of this, as amended and all other laws, decrees, executive order, rules and regulations, issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approval,