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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Article II Section of the 1987 Philippine Constitution reads:

> "*The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.*"

It is therefore imperative for the State to guarantee the efficient and effective delivery of health services.

Barangay Novaliches Proper and its nearby barangays in the Fifth District of Quezon City is in dire need of an upgraded health center. In the midst of a pandemic, the health and wellbeing of residents are more vulnerable and thus, need greater access to health care services.

This bill seeks to establish a modern Health Center and Lying-in Maternity Clinic in Barangay Novaliches Proper to ensure that its residents and nearby barangays have access to decent health services provided by the government.

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

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

**SECTION 1.** ***Short Title***. – This Act shall be known as the "*Novaliches Health Center and Lying-In Clinic Act".*

**SECTION 2.** ***Establishing the Novaliches Health Center and Lying-in Clinic.*** – There shall be established in Barangay Novaliches Proper, Quezon City, a health center and lying-in clinic, to be known as the Novaliches Health Center and Lying-in Clinic, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Quezon City local government.

**SECTION 3.** ***Hospital Development and Management.*** – The local government of Quezon City shall manage the Novaliches Health Center and Lying-in Clinic, and prepare, in consultation with the Department of Health (DOH), a hospital development plan aligned with the Philippine Health Facility Development Plan. Any future increase in bed capacity, healthcare facilities, service capability, and human resource complement shall be based on the hospital development plan.

**SECTION 4.** ***Funding.*** **–** The local government of Quezon City shall provide the necessary funds for the establishment of the Novaliches Health Center and Lying-in Clinic. The Secretary of the DOH shall include in the Department's subsidy program, support for the capital outlay requirements of the said facility.

**SECTION 5**. ***Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, parts or provisions of this Act which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 6**. ***Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, Implementing Rules and Regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 7**. ***Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*