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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The City of San Fernando Pampanga is comprised of 35 barangays and has a registered total population of almost 300,000 as of year 2010. According to the National Statistics Office, this is expected to increase in double in 19 years if the current trend of high growth rate in population remains. Urbanization also develops fast along with San Fernando's population growth. On the other hand, the regional hospital of the city known as the Jose B. Lingad Memorial Regional Hospital was left by fast urbanization with only 250 beds to accommodate the medical needs of the city.

I believe that now is the right time to push this measure because this is in consonance to the policy of the state which is to provide quality and efficient health services.

For the reasons stated above, the passage of this measure is urgently sought.

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**AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF
JOSE B. LINGAD MEMORIAL GENERAL HOSPITAL IN
SAN FERNANDO CITY, PAMPANGA FROM TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (250)
TO FIVE HUNDRED (500), UPGRADING ITS' SERVICES AND FACILITIES
AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE
OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. The authorized bed capacity of the Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital (JBLMGH) in San Fernando City, Pampanga is hereby upgraded from two hundred fifty (250) to five hundred (500) beds.

SECTION 2. The existing service facilities and professional health (services of the JBLMGH are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the bed capacity increase as provided for in Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 3. The existing workforce of the JBLMGH shall also be correspondingly increased. The Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission, shall determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up upon prior consultation with the JBLMGH.

SECTION 4. The increase in bed capacity of the JBLMGH from two hundred fifty (250) to five hundred (500) beds shall be implemented for a period of not more than four (4) years from the approval of this Act.

SECTION 5. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 6. 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,