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**AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM BED CAPACITY OF  
THE ZAMBOANGA CITY MEDICAL CENTER FROM TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (250)  
TO FIVE HUNDRED (500), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
SECTION 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7272**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Zamboanga City Medical Center under Republic Act 7272 which took effect last March 24, 1992 was created to serve as the principal hospital facility of Region IX. The said, Medical Center has a minimum bed capacity of two hundred fifty (250). After almost two decades in service, the medical center needs to double its bed capacity from two fifty (250) to five hundred (500), to meet the medical requirement of an ever increasing population of the city and the region as a whole.

Geographically, the Zamboanga City Medical Center is strategically located; hence its accessibility is a major consideration not only to the residents of Zamboanga City but to the neighboring localities as well.

Thus, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

1           **SECTION 1.** Section 2 of the Republic Act No. 7272 is hereby amended to read  
2 as follows:  
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4 "SEC. 2 The Medical Center shall serve as the principal hospital facility of Region IX. [It  
5 shall have a minimum bed capacity of two hundred fifty (250).] **IT SHALL HAVE AN  
6 INCREASE IN THE BED CAPACITY FROM TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (250) TO  
7 FIVE HUNDRED (500). THE INCREASE IN BED CAPACITY SHALL BE  
8 IMPLEMENTED FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN THREE (3) YEARS  
9 FROM THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT."**  
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12           **SEC. 2.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's  
13 programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the  
14 annual General Appropriations Act.  
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17           **SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a  
18 newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,