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**AN ACT**  
**CONVERTING THE DAVAO REGIONAL HOSPITAL INTO DAVAO**  
**REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY AND**  
**APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE**  
**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7179**

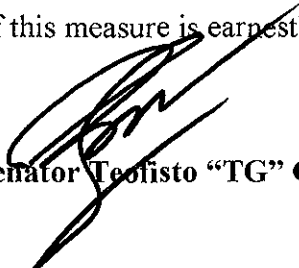
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to convert the Davao Regional Hospital (DRH) in Tagum City, Province of Davao Del Norte into a regional training center to be known as Davao Regional Medical Center and increasing its bed capacity from 200 to 500.

Currently, the DRH is a government tertiary training hospital, which holds the distinction of being the cancer center of Mindanao, Neuro-Surgery Training Center and has the only accredited kidney transplant program in Mindanao serving at least 17,000 major and minor surgical cases. Presently, the Institution has a daily in-patient traffic of 600 or thrice its mandated capacity, not only among residents of Davao Region but also from Regions IX, X, XII and Caraga

Expanding the bed capacity of the DRH is a viable solution to addressing the hospital's persistent capacity problem and shall greatly boost Davao region's and Mindanao's health sector development. Also, the hospital's conversion into a medical training center shall provide opportunities for availment of affordable medical internship for local medical students and thus, further improve the quality of basic health services to the growing populace of these region.

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

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Republic Act No. 7179 is hereby amended by inserting a new Section 1  
2 to read as follows:  
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4 "SECTION 1. THE DAVAO REGIONAL HOSPITAL IN TAGUM  
5 CITY IS HEREBY CONVERTED INTO A MEDICAL TRAINING  
6 CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS DAVAO REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER  
7 WITH A CAPACITY OF FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS"  
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9 **SEC. 2.** Section 1 of the same Act is hereby deleted.  
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11 **SEC. 3.** Section 2 of the same Act is hereby amended and renumbered as Section 3  
12 to read as follows:  
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14 "SEC 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act  
15 shall be [included] CHARGED TO THE APPROPRIATIONS OF THE  
16 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. THEREAFTER, SUCH AMOUNT AS MAY  
17 BE NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE  
18 HOSPITAL SHALL BE INCLUDED in the ANNUAL General  
19 Appropriations Act".  
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21 **SEC. 4.** A new Section 4 is hereby inserted to read as follows:  
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23 " SEC.4. THE INCREASE IN BED CAPACITY OF THE DAVAO  
24 REGIONAL HOSPITAL FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) TO FIVE  
25 HUNDRED (500) BEDS SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR A PERIOD  
26 OF NOT MORE THAN FOUR (4) YEARS FROM THE APPROVAL OF  
27 THIS ACT".  
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1 **SEC. 5.** Section 3 of the same Act is hereby amended and renumbered as Section 5  
2 to read as follows:

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“SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect [upon its approval] FIFTEEN DAYS  
AFTER ITS PUBLICATION IN ANY NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL  
CIRCULATION”.

Approved,