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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

For more than 90 years of existence, Northern Mindanao Medical Center (NMMC) has protected the right to health of the people though its projects and facilities, which are compliant to the requirements of modern medical technology, and through training of medical officers and personnel. It has served an extensive number of people, not only in Cagayan de Oro City, but also in the entire region. It has provided health care and social services at an affordable cost, living up to its mandate and exceeding the expectations to a medical center. It has catered to the needs of the indigents, elderly, disabled, women and children. It has also instilled health consciousness and has promoted a healthy environment in the region.

The number of patients in NMMC has risen in recent years, and this has contributed to the hospital's problem of serving beyond its capacity. Currently, it has only 300 beds serving more or less 600 patients a day. Thus, for it to be consistent with its quality providing a health standard in the region, there is a dire need to increase the hospital's bed capacity.

In view of the foregoing, the 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.** Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7938 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. The hospital facilities of the Northern Mindanao Medical Center shall be upgraded and increased, consistent with the requirements of modern medical technology and its status as a medical center. Accordingly, its bed capacity shall be increased from [two hundred (200) to] three hundred (300) beds TO SIX HUNDRED (600) BEDS."

**SEC. 2**. Section 3 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. The number of medical personnel, <u>THE BUDGET FOR</u> PERSONNEL SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES of the Northern Mindanao Medical Center shall correspondingly be increased THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT SHALL DETERMINE THE ADDITIONAL PLANTILLA POSITIONS TO BE CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS ACT."

**SEC. 3.** There is hereby added a new Section 4 to read as follows.

"SEC. 4. THE INCREASE IN BED CAPACITY OF THE NORTHERN MINDANAO MEDICAL CENTER FROM THREE (300) TO SIX (600) HUNDRED BEDS SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN THREE (3) YEARS FROM THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT."

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2	SEC. 4. Section 4 of the same Act is hereby renumbered as Section 5 and
3	amended to read as follows:
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5	"SEC. [4] 5. [The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act
6	shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its
7	enactment into law and thereafter.] THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH SHALL
8	IMMEDIATELY INCLUDE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S PROGRAMS THE
9	IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT, THE FUNDING OF WHICH SHALL BE
10	INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT."
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12	SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen days after its publication in two (2)
13	newspapers of general circulation.
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Note: Please check for the repealing clause in the RA 7938