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**AN ACT**

**INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE AMANG RODRIGUEZ MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER IN THE CITY OF MARIKINA FROM THREE HUNDRED (300) TO FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS, UPGRADING THE SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE THEREIN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines, provides that:

"The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers."

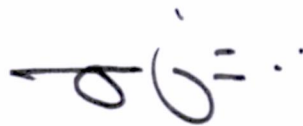
The 'Amang' Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center is a tertiary licensed facility, a teaching and training center under the Department of Health. It has been considered "a referral center" for more complicated cases in the eastern part of Rizal and the other provinces. Recently, its authorized bed capacity was increase from One Hundred Fifty (150) beds

to Three Hundred (300) beds as per R.A. No. 9419, dated February 19, 2007.<sup>1</sup>

There is an urgent need to upgrade the health facilities of the hospital to cater efficiently to the needs of the people.

This is the most opportune time to increase the 'Amang' Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center's bed capacity from 300 to 500 beds in order to conform with the policy of the State to provide quality and efficient health care service, in relation to the national government's health care agenda.

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



**JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO**

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<sup>1</sup> ARMMC Profile, accessed through <http://armmc.doh.gov.ph/transparency/about-us/armmc-profile> on 29 August 2018

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THEREFOR

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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The authorized bed capacity of the Amang Rodriguez  
2 Memorial Medical Center (ARMMC) in the City of Marikina is hereby  
3 increased from three hundred (300) to five hundred (500).  
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5 **SECTION 2.** The existing hospital facilities and profession health care  
6 services of the ARMMC are also hereby upgraded and increased to  
7 conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity.  
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9 **SECTION 3.** Upon prior consultation with the Amang Rodriguez  
10 Memorial Medical Center, the Department of Health shall, in coordination  
11 with the Department Budget and Management and the Civil Service  
12 Commission, determine the additional plantilla positions to be created  
13 and filled up in the workforce of the ARMMC.  
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15 **SECTION 4.** The increase in the bed capacity of the ARMMC from three  
16 hundred (300) to five hundred (500) and the upgrading of its facilities as

1 provided for under Section 2 of this Act shall be implemented within a  
2 period of not more than three (3) years from the approval of this Act.

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

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8 **SECTION 6.** Republic Act No. 7209, as amended by Republic Act No.  
9 9419, is hereby further amended.

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

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15           Approved,