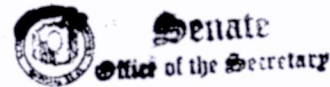


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**INCREASING ITS MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. It is the policy of the state to ensure that all communities have access to quality and accessible healthcare.

The Southern Isabela Medical Center (SIMC) is a tertiary general hospital offering various basing medical services to its residents and neighboring communities. The authorized bed capacity of the medical center is three hundred fifty (350) beds. It has been reported that the SIMC admits patients beyond its authorized bed capacity. Based on the records of SIMC, it admits seventy-seven (77) in-patients beyond its authorized bed capacity, reaching 122% of its Bed Occupancy Rate.

To ensure that these communities are provided efficient access to quality health care, this bill seeks to increase the authorized bed capacity of Southern Isabela Medical Center from three hundred fifty (350) to seven hundred (700) beds.

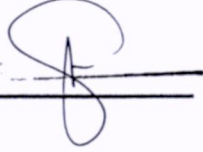
Given the abovementioned circumstances, the immediate passage of this bill is necessary.

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*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 Southern Isabela Medical Center  
2 (SIMC) in Santiago City, Province of Isabela, is hereby increased from three hundred  
3 fifty (350) to seven hundred (700) beds.  
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5 Section 2. The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services  
6 of the SIMC shall be correspondingly upgraded to include the increase in the number  
7 of its medical personnel. The Department of Health (DOH) shall promulgate the  
8 necessary rules and regulations of the effective implementation of this Act.  
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10 Section 3. The increase in the bed capacity of the SIMC from three hundred  
11 fifty (350) to seven hundred (700) beds shall be implemented within the period of six  
12 (6) months to one (1) year from the approval of this Act.  
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14 Section 4. The DOH, through its approved annual budget, shall initially provide  
15 the necessary funding to support the increase in bed capacity of the SIMC. The entire  
16 budgetary requirements of SIMC for its operation and the upgrading of its facilities

1 and services shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act the following  
2 year of its enactment.

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4 Section 5. The Department of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and  
5 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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7 Section 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
8 Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*