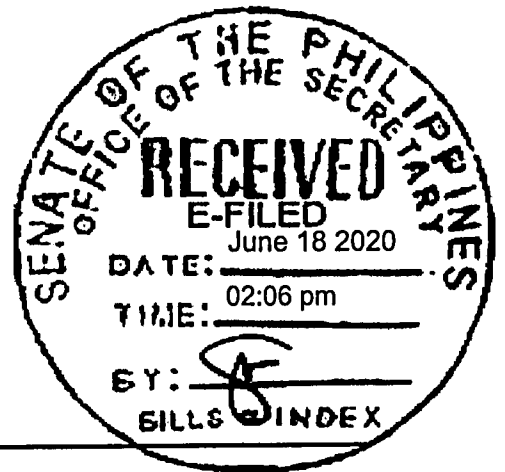


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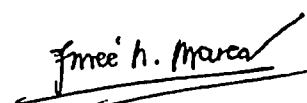
Our Constitution, under Article II, Section 15 states that it is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. The most significant role of hospitals and health institutions is to provide adequate and competent medical services to the people.

The Northern Mindanao Medical Center (NMMC) has been in operation for more than 100 years and has served an extensive number of people, not only in Cagayan de Oro and Misamis Oriental where it is located, but also in the entire Region X. It has provided health care and social services at an affordable cost, living up to its mandate and has been admitting patients beyond its bed capacity.

The number of patients in NMMC has risen in recent years and this has contributed to the hospital's problem. Moreover, the number of workers needs to be increased in order to address the restlessness among the existing medical personnel.

Thus, for it to provide efficient and quality health services in the region, this bill aims to increase the bed capacity of NMMC from six hundred (600) beds to one thousand two hundred (1200) beds, upgrade its services and facilities, and increase its medical personnel.

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:*

1 Section 1. The authorized bed capacity of the Northern Mindanao Medical  
2 Center (NMMC) in Cagayan de Oro City, Province of Misamis Oriental, is hereby  
3 increased from six hundred (600) beds to one thousand two hundred (1200) beds.

4 Sec. 2. The existing service facilities and professional health care services of  
5 the Northern Mindanao Medical Center (NMMC), shall be correspondingly upgraded to  
6 include the increase in its authorized bed capacity as herein provided in Section 1.

7 The existing workforce, the budget for personnel services, maintenance and  
8 other operating expenses of the NMMC shall also be increased correspondingly. The  
9 Secretary of Health shall, in coordination with the Secretary of Budget and  
10 Management and the Commissioner of the Civil Service Commission, and after  
11 consultation with the Chief of NMMC, determine the additional *plantilla* positions to be  
12 created and filled up.

13 Sec. 3. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's  
14 programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the  
15 annual General Appropriations Act.

16 Sec. 4. If any portion or provision of this act is declared unconstitutional, the  
17 remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and  
18 effect.

1           Sec. 5. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or other issuances or  
2 parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or  
3 modified accordingly.

4           Sec. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
5 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*