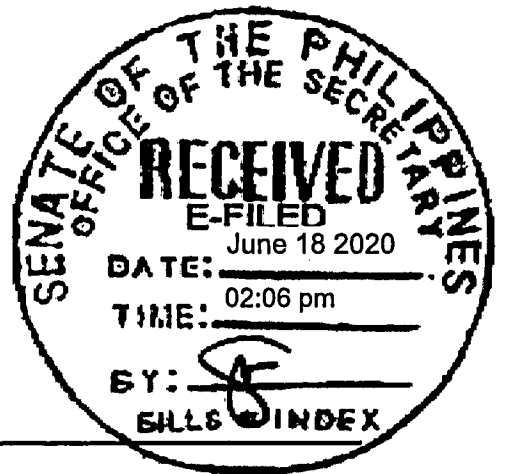


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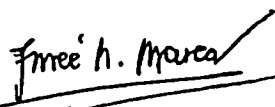
EXPLANATORY NOTE

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.

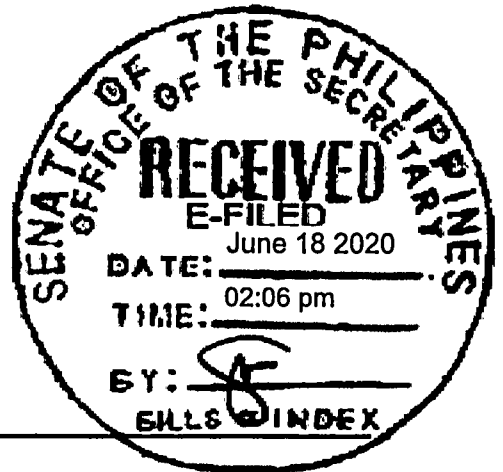
The Quirino Memorial Medical Center offers medical and health care services to Quezon City, the most populous city in the National Capital Region and its neighboring communities. It is a level 3 teaching and training medical center with an authorized bed capacity of five hundred (500) beds. QMMC's percentage of occupancy based on authorized bed capacity remains high at an average annual occupancy rate at 267.87%. This means that the institution operates at a level that is more than twice its capacity.

To address this problem, this bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of the Quirino Memorial medical Center from 500 to 1,000. This will ensure that Quezon City and its neighboring communities are provided with quality and accessible medical and health care services.

In view of the foregoing reasons, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

1 Section 1. The bed capacity of Quirino Memorial Medical Center is hereby  
2 increased from five hundred (500) to one thousand (1,000) with concomitant  
3 manpower complement.

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5 Section 2. The Secretary of Health shall include in the program of the  
6 Department of Health the implementation of the increase in bed capacity.

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8 Section 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provision of this Act shall be  
9 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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11 Section 4. The increase in bed capacity shall be implemented for the period not  
12 more than three years from the approval of this Act.

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14 Section 5. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or other issuances  
15 or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or  
16 modified accordingly.

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18 Section 6. If any portion or provision of this act is declared unconstitutional,  
19 the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force  
20 and effect.

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

*Approved,*