

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
First Regular Session

**HOUSE BILL NO. 6972**

(In substitution of House Bill Number 1154)

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Introduced by: Hon. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez and Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez

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**AN ACT**

**RENAMING THE EASTERN VISAYAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER IN THE CITY OF TACLOBAN, PROVINCE OF LEYTE INTO EASTERN VISAYAS MEDICAL CENTER, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) TO ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (1,500) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center in the City of Tacloban,  
2 Province of Leyte, is hereby renamed Eastern Visayas Medical Center (EVMC).  
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4           **SEC. 2.** The bed capacity of the EVMC shall be increased from five hundred (500) to  
5 one thousand five hundred (1,500) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent  
6 with the hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the Department of Health (DOH).  
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8           **SEC. 3.** The existing professional health care services and facilities of the EVMC are  
9 also upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as  
10 provided for in Section 2 hereof.  
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12           **SEC. 4.** The existing workforce of the EVMC, which includes doctors, nurses, and  
13 support personnel, shall also be increased correspondingly. The Secretary of the DOH shall,  
14 after consultation with the Chief of the EVMC, and in coordination with the Secretary of the  
15 Department of Budget and Management and the Commissioner of the Civil Service  
16 Commission, determine the additional new positions to be created and filled up.  
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18           **SEC. 5.** The Secretary of the DOH shall immediately include in the Department's  
19 program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual  
20 General Appropriations Act.  
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22           **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*  
23 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.  
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25           Approved,