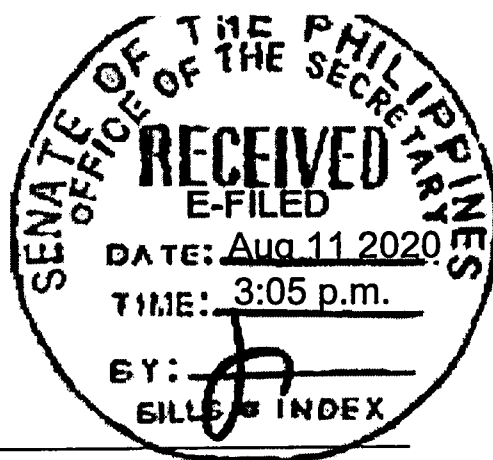


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S.B. No. **1769**



Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

**AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE ROSARIO DISTRICT
HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROSARIO, PROVINCE OF LA
UNION FROM TWENTY-FIVE (25) TO FIFTY (50) BEDS AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

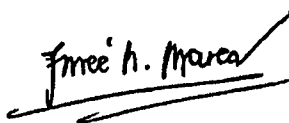
Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. It is the policy of the state to ensure that all communities have access to quality and accessible healthcare.

Under the "Principles and Sets of Criteria for Evaluating proposals for Establishing New Hospitals, Increasing Hospital Bed Capacity, Renationalization of Devolved Hospitals and Conversion of Hospital Category" issued by the Department of Health (DOH), local government units and other population groups in the Philippines are recommended to have an maintain at least one (1) hospital bed for every 1,000 population.

The Rosario District Hospital is a Level II hospital located in the Municipality of Rosario, La Union. Based on the 2015 Census of Population, the municipality posted a total population of 55,343 persons as of August 1, 2015. This would mean that the authorized bed capacity of the hospital is insufficient to meet the requirements laid down by the DOH. Moreover, the municipality of Rosario is not the only community seeking medical services from the hospital, the municipalities of Santo Tomas and Pugo, in La Union and Sison, Pozorrubio and San Fabian of Pangasinan seek their services as well.

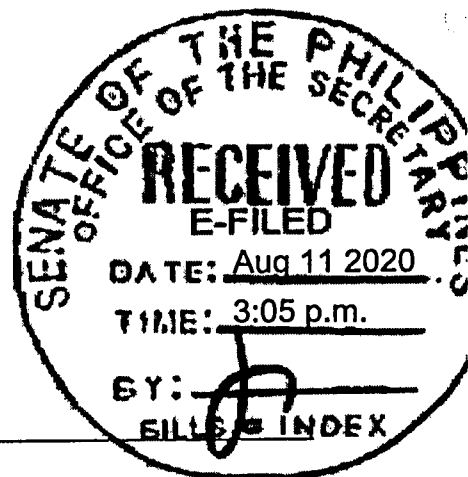
It is, therefore, necessary to increase the bed capacity of the Rosario District Hospital in the Municipality of Rosario, Province of La Union from twenty-five (25) to fifty (50) beds.

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


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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 Rosario District Hospital in the
2 Municipality of Rosario, Province of La Union is hereby increased from twenty-five
3 (25) to fifty (50) beds.

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5 **Sec. 2.** The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services
6 of the Rosario District Hospital shall, as far as practicable, be correspondingly
7 upgraded to include the increase number of medical personnel. The Department of
8 Health, in coordination with the concerned local government officials, shall
9 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of
10 this Act within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.

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12 **Sec. 3.** The increase in bed capacity of the Rosario District Hospital from
13 twenty-five (25) to fifty (50) shall be implemented for a period of not more than two
14 (2) years from the approval of this Act.

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16 **Sec. 4.** The Provincial Government of La Union shall provide the necessary
17 funds to support the increase in bed capacity of the Rosario District Hospital and the
18 corresponding upgrading of its facilities and services. The Secretary of Health shall

1 include in the Department's subsidy program its support for the capital outlay
2 requirements of the hospital.

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

6 **Sec. 6.** If any portion or provision of this act is declared unconstitutional, the
7 remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and
8 effect.

9 **Sec. 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two
10 (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,