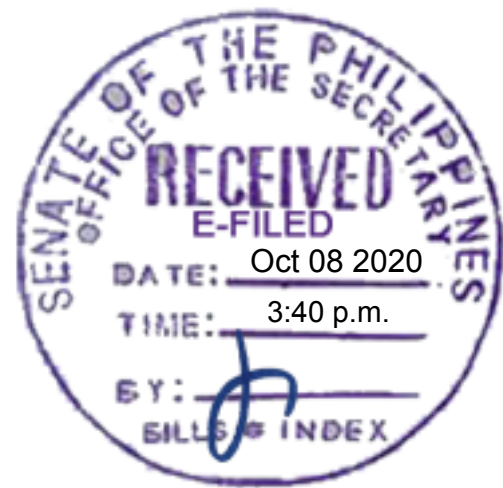


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AN ACT
AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) TO SET AND APPROVE THE BED CAPACITY AND SERVICE CAPABILITY OF ALL DOH HOSPITALS

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “DOH Hospital Bed
2 Capacity and Service Capability Rationalization Act.”

3 **SEC. 2. Purpose, Scope and Coverage.** – This Act shall streamline the process
4 for approving changes in the authorized bed capacities and corresponding service
5 capabilities of all Department of Health (DOH) hospitals.

6 **SEC. 3. Authority to Approve.** – The DOH is hereby authorized to adjust and
7 approve the authorized bed capacities and corresponding service capabilities of
8 hospitals under its supervision and control, taking into consideration the development
9 plans of the hospitals, catchment population, burden of disease, availability of human
10 resources, health care provider network, and other standards to be determined by the
11 DOH. The DOH shall, through an administrative issuance, determine the bed capacities
12 and service capabilities of DOH hospitals, subject to specific guidelines that shall be
13 issued and promulgated, within three (3) months upon the effectivity of this Act.

14 **SEC. 4. Annual Report to Congress.** – The DOH shall provide Congress, through
15 the Committee on Health of the House of Representatives and the Committee on

1 Health and Demography of the Senate, an annual report on hospitals with approved
2 bed capacities, along with the necessary funding requirements.

3 **SEC. 5. *Philippine Health Facility Development Plan (PHFDP).*** – The DOH shall
4 develop the Philippine Health Facility Development Plan (PHFDP) to guide the
5 modernization and development plans of all government health facilities, and in order
6 to access capital outlay investment through the Health Facilities Enhancement
7 Program (HFEP) of the DOH and other national government capital outlay investment
8 mechanisms.

9 The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department’s programs the funding
10 requirements for the adjustment in bed capacity and service capability of each DOH
11 hospital in accordance with the PHFDP and the hospital’s modernization and
12 development plan, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
13 Appropriations Act.

14 **SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).*** – The DOH shall formulate
15 the IRR of this Act within ninety (90) days upon its effectivity.

16 **SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.*** If any provision or part of this act is declared
17 unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full
18 force and effect.

19 **SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
20 regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed,
21 amended, or modified accordingly.

22 **SEC. 9. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
23 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,