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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**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

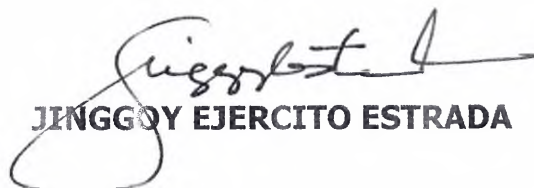
The global health crisis caused by the novel Coronavirus underscored the importance of a fully functioning and efficient health infrastructure, ready to respond to public emergencies and attend to a surge of medical concerns. To ensure that the population from the urban centers all the way to remote areas has access to quality health services, it is imperative that the existing health facilities are modernized and fully equipped to serve the requirements of the New Normal.

This measure is included in the legislative agenda of the updated Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022 with respect to transforming human capital development towards greater agility, specifically in ensuring responsive and resilient health system. As stated therein, the measure aims to "rationalize the distribution of capacity and capability of health facilities." This bill contains provisions to align all adjustments in bed capacity and service capability of each Department of Health (DOH) hospital with the Philippine Health Facility Development Plan. This legislation intends to accelerate the much needed reforms in the public health sector by empowering the DOH to implement expansion and upgrading of hospitals and health facilities under its jurisdiction.

This bill was reported out by the Senate Committee on Health and Demography during the previous Congress. This legislation was already approved on Third and Final

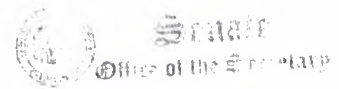
Reading by the House of Representatives during the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Congresses.

In view of strengthening the delivery of public health services, the immediate passage of this bill is recommended.



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*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  
12 capacities and service capabilities of DOH hospitals, subject to specific guidelines that  
13 shall be issued and promulgated, within three (3) months upon the effectivity of this  
14 Act.

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

1 Health and Demography of the Senate, and 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 hereof is held invalid or  
17 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision or part not otherwise  
18 affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

19       Sec. 8. *Repealing Clause*. – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive  
20 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to or  
21 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or amended  
22 accordingly.

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

*Approved,*