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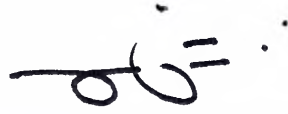
EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to the Department of Health (DOH) Hospitals Profile, three out of four hospitals have bed occupancy rate beyond its licensed authorized bed capacity. According to the same publication, in 2020, the total licensed beds of DOH-run hospitals amount to 22,773 while implementing beds amount to 27,019. Further, in 2019, the DOH Hospitals admits 30,309 patients daily and discharges a tenth of its total daily inpatients. The overall bed occupancy rate of all hospitals is beyond the total licensed beds at 131%.

Currently, increasing the bed capacity of hospitals requires legislation. This proposed measure shall give authority to the DOH to adjust and approve the authorized bed capacities and corresponding service capabilities of its retained hospitals.

This bill was first introduced in 2016 before the passage of the Universal Health Care (UHC) Act. This measure is being re-filed to support the goal of UHC, which is to deliver better, accessible, affordable, and quality health services to Filipinos. It hopes to address one of the persisting challenges of health service delivery in the country.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure 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. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "**DOH Hospital Bed**
2 **Capacity and Service Capability Rationalization Act of 2022**".

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 its
8 retained hospitals. Thereafter, the DOH shall, through an administrative issuance,
9 determine the bed capacities and service capabilities of DOH hospitals, subject to
10 specific guidelines that shall be issued and promulgated, within three (3) months after
11 the effectivity of this Act.

12 Sec. 4. *Annual Report to Congress.* - The DOH shall provide Congress, through
13 the Committee on Health of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
14 Health and Demography of the Senate, an annual report of hospitals with approved
15 bed capacities, along with the necessary funding requirements.

16 Sec. 5. *Philippine Health Facility Development Plan (PHFDP).* - The DOH shall
17 develop the Philippine Health Facility Development Plan (PHFDP) to guide the

1 modernization and development plans of all government health facilities, and in order
2 to access capital outlay investment through the Health Facilities Enhancement
3 Program of the DOH and other national government capital outlay investment
4 mechanisms.

5 The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department's programs the funding
6 requirements for the adjustment in bed capacity and service capability of each DOH
7 hospital in accordance with the PHFDP and the hospital's modernization and
8 development plan, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
9 Appropriations Act.

10 *Sec. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).* - The DOH shall formulate
11 the IRR of this Act within ninety (90) days of its effectivity.

12 *Sec. 7. Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
13 regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed,
14 amended, or modified accordingly.

15 *Sec. 8. Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
16 publication in the Official Gazette, or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,