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# **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The 1987 Constitution, Article II, Section 15 declares that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. Also, Articles XIII, on Social Justice and Human Rights on Health, declares that it is the responsibility of the State to "adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers."

Corollary, The Philippine Health Facility Development Plan (PHFDP) 2020-2040 aspires that the country achieves a bed density of 4 per 1,000 population by 2040. With 105,000 hospital beds that the country currently has, an additional 400,000 beds are still needed to achieve this. Our current bed density of 1.2 per 1,000 population is comparable to the poorest countries in the world.

To align with the Department of Health's development plan, this bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of the Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital from 100 beds to 300 beds.

Inorder for the Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital to obtain the highest level of health care for the people and to accommodate the increasing number of patients being admitted, the immediate passage of this bill is urgently sought.

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

Section 1. Paragraph 2, Section 1 of Republic Act No. 11233, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The bed capacity of the Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital in the City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite, is hereby upgraded from one hundred (100) to three hundred (300)."

- Sec. 2. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital in the City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in its bed capacity as provided for in Section 2 hereof.
- Sec. 3. The Department of Health (DOH) shall, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission, determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled upon prior consultation with the Chief of Hospital of the Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital in the City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite.

- Sec. 4. The Secretary of the DOH shall immediately include in their program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
- Sec. 5. If any provision or part of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue to remain in full force and effect.
- Sec. 6. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are deemed amended, repealed or modified accordingly.
- Sec. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,