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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 118**

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Health and Demography and Finance on MAR 18 2015.

Re: Senate Bill No. 2481

Recommending the Approval of Senate Bill No. 2481 with amendments taking into consideration Senate Bill No. 2660 and House Bill No. 31

Sponsor: Senator Teofisto "TG" L. Guingona III

**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committees on Health and Demography and Finance to which were referred Senate Bill No. 2481, introduced by Senator Grace Poe, entitled:

**"AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE FACILITIES OF  
NORTHERN MINDANAO MEDICAL CENTER, AMENDING FOR THE  
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7938, APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

Senate Bill No. 2660, introduced by Senator Teofisto "TG" L. Guingona III, entitled:

**"AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE  
NORTHERN MINDANAO MEDICAL CENTER IN  
CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7938, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

and House Bill No. 31, introduced by Representatives Rufus B. Rodriguez, Maximo B. Rodriguez and Xavier Jesus Romualdo, entitled:

**"AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE  
NORTHERN MINDANAO MEDICAL CENTER IN  
CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE**

**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7938, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**


have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached Senate Bill No. 2481, taking into consideration Senate Bill No. 2660 and House Bill No. 31, be approved with the following amendments, to wit:

1. On page 1, Line 11, after the phrase “the number of medical personnel,”, insert the phrase “THE BUDGET FOR”
2. On page 1, Lines 23-25, delete the entire phrase after the word ‘IMPLEMENTED” and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase “IMMEDIATELY UPON THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT”
3. The title shall read as follows:

**“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE  
NORTHERN MINDANAO MEDICAL CENTER IN  
CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7938, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

with Senators Grace Poe and Teofisto “TG” L. Guingona III as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:



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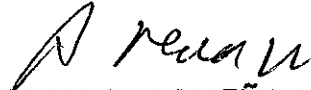
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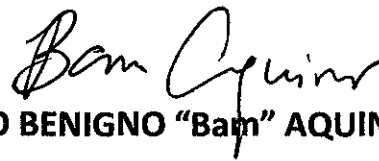
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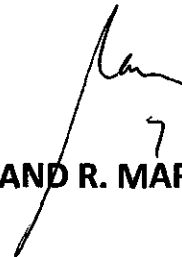
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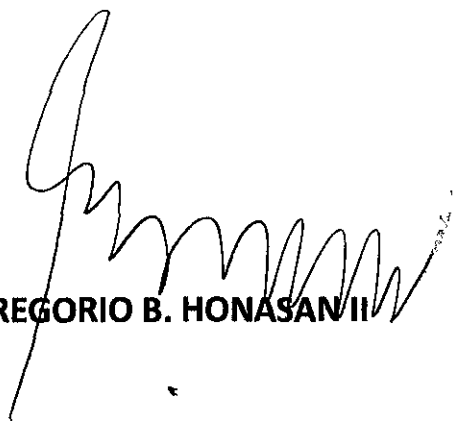
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


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AN ACT  
TO IMPROVE THE FACILITIES OF NORTHERN MINDANAO MEDICAL CENTER,  
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7938, APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Explanatory Note

This bill was originally filed in the fourth Congress and was again re-filed in the Fifteenth Congress as House Bill No. 52. During the Fifteenth Congress, this bill was approved by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations. It was subsequently approved by the House of Representatives on August 6, 2012 and transmitted to the Senate on August 16, 2012 where it was not acted upon.

The Constitution states that it is policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. Further, it is mandated that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social service available to all the people at affordable cost. More importantly, there shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women and children.

Northern Mindanao Medical Center (NMMC) is a government hospital with a 300-bed capacity. It has been in existence for 90 years and has achieved great accomplishments in terms of infrastructure projects, procurement of hospital facilities, training and development of medical officers and personnel.


NMMC withstood its loyalty in providing a healthy environment not only to the people of Cagayan de Oro City but also to the entire region. In fact, since 2003, it has been admitting patients beyond its bed capacity. At present it serves around 600 patients a day. Hence, to further enhance its capacity of promoting public health and to cater medical assistance to indigent patients, there is need to increase its bed capacity from 300 to 600.

In view thereof immediate approval of this Bill is sought.

  
GRACE POE

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AN ACT  
TO IMPROVE THE FACILITIES OF NORTHERN MINDANAO MEDICAL CENTER,  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in  
Congress assembled:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7938 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
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3 Sec. 2. The hospital facilities of the Northern Mindanao Medical Center shall  
4 be upgraded and increased, consistent with the requirements of modern medical  
5 technology and its status as a medical center. Accordingly, its bed capacity shall be  
6 increased from [two hundred (200) to] three hundred (300) beds TO SIX  
7 HUNDRED (600) BEDS.”  
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9 SECTION 2. Section 3 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:  
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11 “SEC. 3. The number of medical personnel, PERSONNEL SERVICES  
12 AND MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES of the  
13 Northern Mindanao Medical Center shall correspondingly be increased. THE  
14 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, IN COORDINATION WITH THE  
15 DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, SHALL DETERMINE  
16 THE ADDITIONAL PLANTILLA POSITIONS TO BE CREATED  
17 PURSUANT TO THIS ACT.”  
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19 SECTION 3. There is hereby added a new Section 4 to read as follows:  
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21 “SEC. 4. THE INCREASE IN BED CAPACITY OF THE NORTHERN  
22 MINDANAO MEDICAL CETER FROM THREE HUNDRED (300) TO SIX  
23 HUNDRED (600) BEDS SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR A PERIOD OF  
24 NOT MORE THAN THREE (3) YEARS FROM THE APPROVAL OF THIS  
25 ACT.”  
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27 SECTION 4. Section 4 of the same Act is hereby numbered as Section 5 and  
28 amended to read as follows:  
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30 “SEC [4]5. [The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act  
31 shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its  
32 enactment into law and thereafter.] THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH SHALL  
33 IMMEDIATELY INCLUDE IN THE DEPARTMENT’S PROGRAMS THE  
34 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT, THE FUNDING OF WHICH SHALL  
35 BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT.”  
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37 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two  
38 (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,