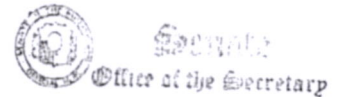


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

On October 19, 1929, Regional Teaching and Training Hospital for Region VIII was established. It was then an eight (8) bed-capacity hospital which was later named Governor Celestino Gallares Memorial Hospital (GCGMH).

Over the years, GCGMH's hospital bed capacity was increased from eight (8) to two hundred twenty-five (225) beds. The last increase was by virtue of Republic Act No. 7266 which was enacted on March 20, 1992.

There has been significant change in the number of patients being served by the hospital since the enactment of RA No. 7266 over twenty years ago. In addition, there is a need to substantially improve the facilities and services of the hospital as a regional teaching and training hospital for Region VII.

As such, this bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of GCGMH and upgrade the medical facilities and equipment of this level as a regional hospital.

In light of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this 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. **Increase in Authorized Capacity.** – The authorized bed  
2 capacity of Governor Celestino Gallares Memorial Hospital (GCGMH) is here by  
3 increased from two hundred twenty-five (225) to five hundred twenty-five (525)  
4 beds, amending for the purpose Republic Act No. 7266.  
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7 SEC. 2. **Upgrade of Existing Service Facilities and Professional Health**  
8 **Care Services.** – The existing service facilities and professional health care  
9 services of the GCGMH are hereby upgraded to conform with and be  
10 commensurate to the increase in authorized bed capacity as provided in Section  
11 hereof. The GCGMH shall submit to the DOH its proposed development and the  
12 additional clinical departments and special units it requires to meet the  
13 increased authorized bed capacity.

1 SEC. 3. **Implementation and Appropriation.** – The Secretary of Health shall  
2 immediately include in the Department’s programs, the implementation of this  
3 Act, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations  
4 Act.

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7 SEC. 4. **Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
8 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,