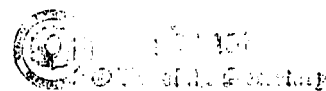


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**AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE MARIANO MARCOS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER (MMMHMC), BATAAC CITY, ILOCOS NORTE FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS TO SEVEN HUNDRED (700) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICES, FACILITIES, AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL AND NON-MEDICAL PERSONNEL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Province of Ilocos Norte has two (2) component cities—Laoag and Batac—as well as twenty-one (21) municipalities. With the continuous increase in the province's population, more and more people in the locality need to be treated and given the most appropriate medical assistance.

The Mariano Marcos Memorial Hospital and Medical Center (MMMHMC), Batac City, Ilocos Norte is the only medical center in the provinces of Ilocos Norte and Ilocos Sur. Apart from patients from these provinces, it also caters to patients from as far as the Province of Cagayan. In numerous instances, the MMMHMC is the referral hospital of other hospitals in Ilocos, Cagayan, and Apayao. It is also the Regional Eye Center and has the only Level 3 Neonatology Intensive Care Unit set up in the area. It is currently being developed as the Heart, Lung, Kidney, and Cancer Center of the North.

At present, the MMMHMC only has an authorized two hundred (200)-bed capacity. Considering the number of patients that it has to cater to, there have been times when it has been forced to accommodate patients beyond its authorized bed capacity.

In view of the foregoing, it is high time that the bed capacity of MMMHMC be increased in order to abide by the state's policy to provide quality and efficient health care to its citizens.

For the above-stated reasons, speedy passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

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

1       **SECTION 1.** The authorized bed capacity of the Mariano Marcos  
2 Memorial Hospital and Medical Center (MMMHMC), Bataac City,  
3 Ilocos Norte is hereby upgraded from its current capacity of two hundred  
4 (200) beds to seven hundred (700) beds.

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6       **SEC. 2.** The existing service facilities and the professional health  
7 services of the MMMHMC are hereby upgraded to conform with and be  
8 commensurate to the bed capacity increase as provided for in Section 1  
9 hereof.

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11       **SEC. 3.** The workforce and personnel, medical and non-medical,  
12 of the MMMHMC shall also be increased. The Department of Health  
13 (DOH), in coordination with the Department of Budget and  
14 Management (DBM) and the Civil Service Commission (CSC), shall  
15 determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up  
16 upon prior consultation with the MMMHMC.

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18       **SEC. 4.** The increase in bed capacity of the MMMHMC from two  
19 hundred (200) to seven hundred (700) shall be implemented within a  
20 period of four (4) years from the approval of this Act.

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2       **SEC. 5.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the  
3 Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of  
4 which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.  
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6       **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen days after its publication  
7 in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*