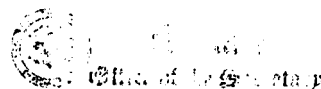


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BATAC CITY, ILOCOS NORTE FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS TO
SEVEN HUNDRED (700) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICES,
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AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Province of Ilocos Norte has two (2) component cities, Laoag and Batac, and 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 (MMM&MC), Batac City, Ilocos Norte is the only medical center in the provinces of Ilocos Norte and Ilocos Sur. It does not only cater to patients from those provinces but also those coming from as far as the Province of Cagayan. In so many instances, the MMM&MC is the referral hospital of other hospitals in Ilocos and in Cagayan.

At present, the MMM&MC only has an authorized 200-bed capacity. Considering the many patients it has to cater, especially in times when there is an upsurge thereof, there had been several instances that it accommodated patients beyond its bed capacity.

In view of the foregoing, this is the most opportune time to increase the MMM&MC's bed capacity from 200 beds to 700 beds in order to conform with

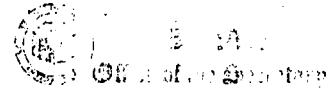
the policy of the State to provide quality and efficient health care service, in relation to the national government's health care agenda.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate 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. Increase in Authorized Capacity.** — The authorized bed capacity
2 of the Mariano Marcos Memorial Hospital and Medical Center (MMM&MC),
3 Bataac City, Ilocos Norte is hereby upgraded from two hundred (200) to seven
4 hundred (700) beds.

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

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

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1 **SEC. 4. Implementation.** — The increase in bed capacity of the MMMH&MC
2 from two hundred (200) to seven hundred (700) shall be implemented within a
3 period of four (4) years from the approval of this Act.
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5 **SEC. 5. Appropriation.** — The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in
6 the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which
7 shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).
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9 **SEC. 5. Effectivity.** — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
10 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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13 Approved,