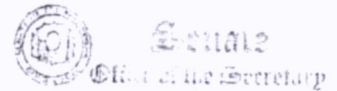


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AN ACT
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE BATANGAS MEDICAL CENTER IN THE CITY OF BATANGAS, FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS TO ONE THOUSAND (1000) BEDS, UPGRADING THE SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE THEREIN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines, provides that:

"The State shall 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."


Batangas Medical Center (BatMC) currently has an authorized bed capacity of 500 beds pursuant to Republic Act No. 9791. However, rapid urbanization and rise in population Batangas City and the whole Province of Batangas demand an increase in bed capacity to further enhance the hospital's capability to provide better service and facilities.

The proposed increase in bed capacity and construction of a multi-storey wing or building that may house additional operating theaters and laboratory units with additional personnel to run BatMC will enable the hospital to

accommodate more patients as the hospital serves not only the Province of Batangas but nearby provinces as well.

In view of the foregoing, this is the most opportune time to increase the BatMC's bed capacity from 500 beds to 1000 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
2 capacity of the Batangas Medical Center (BatMC) in the City of Batangas, is
3 hereby increased from Five Hundred (500) to One Thousand (1000).
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5 **SEC. 2. Upgrade of Existing Service Facilities.** — The existing service
6 facilities and the professional health services of the are also hereby upgraded
7 through the construction of a multi-storey wing/building which may house
8 additional Operating Theatres, Intensive Care Units, Rooms, Wards and/or
9 Laboratory Units.
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11 **SEC. 3. Upgrade of Existing Professional Health Care Services.** — The
12 plantilla employees of Batangas Medical Center, which includes doctors, nurses
13 and support personnel shall also be increased. The Department of Health
14 (DOH), in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM)
15 and the Civil Service Commission (CSC), in consultation with the Batangas
16 Medical Center, shall determine the new positions to be created and filled-up.
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18 **SEC. 4. Implementation.** — The increase in bed capacity of the Batangas
19 Medical Center from Five Hundred (500) to One Thousand (1000), the
20 upgrading of its facilities and increase in personnel complement as enumerated

1 in Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall be implemented not more than period of
2 three (3) years from the approval of this Act.

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4 **SEC. 5. Appropriation.** — The amount necessary to carry out the provisions
5 of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) of the year
6 following its enactment into law and thereafter.

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8 **SEC. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** — The Department of
9 Health shall formulate and issue the appropriate Implementing Rules and
10 Regulations necessary within ninety (90) days after the passage of this Act for
11 the efficient and effective implementation of all provisions of this Act.

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13 **SEC. 7. Repealing Clause.** — All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and
14 regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

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20 Approved,