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**AN ACT**  
**UPGRADING THE MINDANAO CENTRAL SANITARIUM IN**  
**PASOBOLONG, ZAMBOANGA CITY INTO A TERTIARY LEVEL**  
**HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FOR GENERAL CARE**  
**SERVICES TO THREE HUNDRED (300), 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."

Mindanao Central Sanitarium is a DOH-retained hospital with an authorized bed capacity of 450 beds. Under the Sanitaria Conversion Plan (D.O. No. 375-5 dated July 26, 1994), the MCS will be implementing 275 beds, that is, 225 beds for custodial care and 50 beds for general services with secondary capabilities.

As a Sanitarium, its catchment is the whole Mindanao area. Likewise, this is the area of responsibility of the Traveling Skin Clinic. As a general hospital, the catchment area and population Under the Sanitarium Conversion Plan, however,

the catchment area of MCS, as a Leprosarium, is the entire Mindanao area, while as a general hospital with secondary capabilities, the areas along the East Coast of Zamboanga City<sup>1</sup>

Indeed, there is an urgent need to upgrade the health facilities of the hospital to cater efficiently to the needs of the people and considering the dual role of the MCS despite its meager resources.

This is the most opportune time to increase the SPMC's bed capacity from 1200 to 1500 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.



**JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO**

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<sup>1</sup> MCS Profile, accesses through <http://mcs.doh.gov.ph/index.php/58-press-release1> on 29 August 2018

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Mindanao Central Sanitarium located in Pasobolong,  
2 Zamboanga City is hereby upgraded into a tertiary level hospital and its  
3 authorized bed capacity for general care services increased to three hundred  
4 (300).

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6 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Health, in coordination with the Department  
7 of Budget and Management and the Mindanao Central Sanitarium, shall  
8 determine the additional staff plantilla to be created pursuant to this Act.

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10 **SECTION 3.** The increase in bed capacity for general care services of the  
11 Mindanao Central Sanitarium to three hundred (300) beds shall be implemented  
12 for a period of not more than four (4) years from the approval of this Act.

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14 **SECTION 4.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the  
15 Department's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which  
16 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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18 **SECTION 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in  
19 the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

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21 Approved,