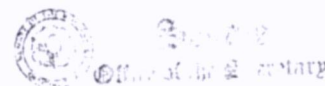


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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 590**

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Health and Demography, and Finance on  
**JAN 29 2019**

Re : Senate Bill No. 1965, taking into consideration House Bill No. 7061.

Recommending the approval of Senate Bill No. 1965, taking into consideration House Bill No. 7061 with amendments.

Sponsor : Senator Joseph Victor G. Ejercito

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**Mr. President:**

The Committees on Health and Demography, and Finance, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 1965, introduced by Senator Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, entitled:

**AN ACT  
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES MEDICAL CENTER IN DAVAO CITY FROM ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (1,200) TO ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (1,500) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

and taking into consideration House Bill No. 7061, introduced by Representatives Karlo Alexei B. Nograles and Jericho Jonas B. Nograles, entitled:

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have considered the same and have the honor to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that Senate Bill No. 1965, taking into consideration House Bill No. 7061 be approved with the following amendments:


1. On Page 1, line 3, after the word "beds.", add the following sentence: **"THE INCREASE IN THE BED CAPACITY SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED CONSISTENT WITH THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF THE HOSPITAL."**
2. On the same page, delete lines 14-17.
3. Renumber the succeeding Sections accordingly.
4. On Page 2, after line 4, insert a new Section, which shall read as follows:  
**SEC. 5. IF ANY PROVISION OR PART OF THIS ACT IS DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL THE REMAINING PARTS OR PROVISIONS NOT AFFECTED SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.**
5. On Page 2, line 7, after the word "accordingly.", add the following sentence: **"ALL OTHER LAWS, DECREES, ORDERS, ISSUANCES, RULES AND REGULATIONS, OR PARTS THEREOF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT ARE HEREBY REPEALED, AMENDED OR MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY."**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

**Chairpersons:**




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Committee on Finance  
*Member, Committee on Health  
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**JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO**  
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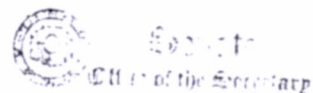


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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."

On November 2009, RA 9792 was enacted, changing the name of the Davao Medical Center to Southern Philippines Medical Center and increasing its bed capacity from 600 to 1,200, thereby upgrading its service facilities and increasing its medical personnel.

The bed occupancy rate of the SPMC is 136.22% and 139.40% in 2015 and 2016, respectively. The current bed capacity of the level 3 hospital is not anymore sufficient to serve the influx of patients in the province and nearby

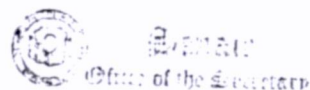
areas. Indeed, there is an urgent need to upgrade the health facilities of the hospital to cater efficiently to the needs of the people.

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

1       **SECTION 1.** The authorized bed capacity of the Southern Philippines  
2 Medical Center (SPMC) is hereby increased from one thousand two hundred  
3 (1,200) to one thousand five hundred (1,500) beds.

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5       **SECTION 2.** The existing hospital facilities and professional health care  
6 services of the SPMC are also hereby upgraded and increased to conform with  
7 and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity.

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9       **SECTION 3.** Upon prior consultation with the SPMC, the Department of  
10 Health shall, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management  
11 and the Civil Service Commission, determine the additional plantilla positions to  
12 be created pursuant to this Act.

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14       **SECTION 4.** The increase in bed capacity of the SPMC from one  
15 thousand two hundred (1,200) to one thousand five hundred (1,500) beds shall  
16 be implemented for a period of not more than two (2) years from the approval  
17 of this Act.



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**SECTION 5.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 6.** Section 3 of Republic Act No. 1859, as amended, is hereby further amended accordingly.

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

*Approved,*