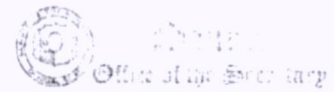



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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."

This measure aims to increase the bed capacity of the Tondo Medical Center in the City of Manila from 200 to 300 beds to efficiently serve and cater the needs of the population in the City. The Center is a Tertiary Training and Service oriented Hospital under the Department of Health (DOH).

This is the most opportune time to increase the Tondo Medical Center's bed capacity in order to conform with the policy of the State to provide quality

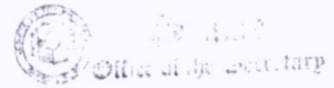
and efficient health care service, in relation to the national government's health care agenda.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

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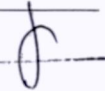
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1.** The authorized bed capacity of the Tondo Medical Center in the
2 City of Manila is hereby increased from two hundred (200) to three hundred
3 (300) beds.
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5 **SECTION 2.** The existing professional health care services and facilities of the
6 Tondo Medical Center are hereby upgraded and increased to conform with and
7 be commensurate to the increase in its authorized bed capacity as provided for
8 in Section 1 hereof.
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10 **SECTION 3.** The existing workforce and personnel, medical and non-medical,
11 of the Tondo Medical Center shall also be increased. The Department of Health
12 (DOH), in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM)
13 and the Civil Service Commission (CSC), and after consultation with the Tondo
14 Medical Center shall determine the additional plantilla positions to be created.
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16 **SECTION 4.** The increase in bed capacity of the Tondo Medical Center from
17 two hundred (200) to three hundred (300) shall be implemented for a period
18 of not more than two (2) years from the approval of this Act.
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1 **SECTION 5.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the
2 Department's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which
3 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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5 **SECTION 6.** The Secretary of Health, in consultation and coordination with
6 local government officials of the City of Manila, shall promulgate the necessary
7 rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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

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13 Approved,