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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Bicol Medical Center (BMC), previously known as Bicol Regional Training and Teaching Hospital (BRTTH), is a 500-bed government tertiary hospital in Naga City that serves patients principally coming from several provinces and cities of Bicol Region. Aside from providing healthcare, BMC is also mandated to conduct teaching/training and research programs.

With the increasing average of 850 patients a day – far exceeding its authorized bed capacity of 500, there is a need to upgrade BMC's health services and health facilities to enable the hospital to fully realize its commitment to provide the highest level of service as expected from the Region's first and premier government hospital.

Thus, this measure aims to increase the bed capacity of Bicol Medical Center to one thousand (1,000), provide a corresponding upgrade in its service facilities and professional health care; and allocate sufficient funding.

In view of the vital role of the Bicol Medical Center in the efficient and effective delivery of health services to the people in Naga City and neighboring provinces and cities of Bicol Region, approval of this bill 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. The authorized bed capacity of the Bicol Medical Center (BMC) is
2 hereby increased from five hundred (500) to one thousand (1000) beds.

3 Sec. 2. The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services of
4 the BMC are also hereby upgraded and increased to conform with and be
5 commensurate to the increase in bed capacity.

6 Sec. 3. Upon consultation with the BMC, the Department of Health shall, in
7 coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service
8 Commission, determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up
9 in the workforce of BMC.

10 Sec. 4. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be
11 included in the annual General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment
12 into law and thereafter.

1 Sec. 5. All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or part
2 thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed and/or
3 modified accordingly.

4 Sec. 6. This Act shall take effect within fifteen (15) days after complete
5 publication in the official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,