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SENATE

S. No. 143

Introduced by **Senator Cynthia A. Villar**

AN ACT

INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE LAS PIÑAS GENERAL HOSPITAL AND SATELLITE TRAUMA CENTER IN LAS PIÑAS CITY, METRO MANILA, FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS TO FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Las Piñas General Hospital & Satellite Trauma Center (LPGHSTC) has come a long way from its creation way back in 1977, when it was instituted and called as the Las Piñas Emergency Hospital serving as an out-patient clinic located in front of the St Joseph's Church, which houses the famous Las Piñas Bamboo Organ. Church. At that time, it was the only national government hospital in south of Metro Manila. In 1984, the hospital was renamed as the Las Piñas District Hospital (LPDH) and thereafter, was integrated with the District Health Office IV under the National Capital Region, Department of Health (DOH) on the basis of an executive order.

On May 22, 1992, upon the approval of Republic Act No. 7539, the bed capacity of the hospital was increased from 25 to 50 beds. Through a series of department orders, the DOH then upgraded LPDH from a district hospital to a general hospital.

In December 1997, the LPDH was transferred to its new location at P. Diego Cera St., Bernabe Compound, Barangay Pulanglupa I, Las Piñas City, serving the Muntiparlaspa cities (Muntinlupa, Parañaque, Las Piñas and Pasay) and the cities of Bacoor and Imus and the neighboring towns of Cavite. In February 1999, the LPDH was chosen as the pilot and lead hospital for the implementation of the integration of public health services in the hospital, under the Integrated District Health System of the Department of Health, National Capital Health.

Through the initiative of the undersigned while she was then serving as the Representative of the Lone District of Las Piñas City, the LPDH was converted into a medical center and was renamed as the Las Piñas General Hospital and Satellite Trauma Center with an increase in bed capacity from 50 to 200 by virtue of Republic Act No. 9240 approved on 10 February 2004.

At present, the continuous hospital site development is geared towards the efficient delivery of the hospital's health services, given its mandated 200-bed capacity. Other worthy initiatives of the hospital include, among others, the management's active efforts to acquire as accreditation of its Residency Training Program in the remaining two (2) major departments namely, General Surgery and Pediatrics, which are in addition to the already accredited Internal Medicines and Obstetrics and Gynecology Department. The LPGHSTC is also a proud ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 9001:2015 certified.

While the LPGHSTC management strives to deliver efficient service, reality and statistics show that for the past five (5) years, the number of patients accommodated in the hospital has been steadily increasing. Nowadays, the LPGHSTC's Out Patient Department (OPD) experiences patients overflow daily due to the increase of hospital services offered to the patients, while the hospital's OB-Gyne Department frequently accommodates two (2) to three (3) patients in one single bed. The same holds true with other wards of the hospital. Hospital Statistics from 2014 – 2018 show that there is an increasing number of admissions of about fifty eight percent (58%). The OPD and ER patients served also increased by one

hundred fifteen percent (115%) and fourteen percent (14%), respectively, which can hardly be accommodated by the hospital due to its limited bed-capacity, budget and space.

Given this scenario, it becomes imperative to increase LPGHSTC's bed capacity from its present 200 bed capacity to 500 beds in order to accommodate the constant increase of patients from all over the South of Metro Manila and its nearby cities and municipalities. Needless to say, the increase in the bed capacity will likewise aid in addressing the mandate that all Filipino patients accommodated in government hospitals will be provided with the necessary hospital services, which is within the spirit of the enactment of the Universal Health Care Act.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is urgently requested.



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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 Las Piñas General Hospital and
2 Satellite Trauma Center (LPGHSTC) in Las Piñas City, Metro Manila is hereby
3 increased from two hundred (200) beds to five hundred (500) beds.

4 Sec. 2. The existing service facilities and professional health care services are
5 also hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the bed capacity
6 increase as provided for in Section 1 hereof. The upgrade shall include, but not
7 necessarily be limited to, the purchase or acquisition of land, the construction of a
8 multi-storey building, which will house hospital areas, rooms, wards and laboratory
9 units, necessary to upgrade the efficient delivery of the hospital healthcare services.

1 Sec. 3. The existing workforce of LPGHSTC, which include doctors, nurses and
2 support personnel, shall also be correspondingly increased. The Department of
3 Health, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and
4 the Civil Service Commission (CSC), after consultation with the Chief of LPGHSTC,
5 determine the additional new positions to be created and filled up.

6 Sec. 4. The increase in the bed capacity of the LPGHSTC from two hundred
7 (200) beds to five hundred (500) beds shall be implemented for a period of not
8 more than four (4) years from the approval of this Act.

9 Sec. 5. The Department of Health, in coordination with the DBM, CSC and the
10 LPGHSTC Management, shall within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act,
11 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to effectively implement the
12 provisions of this Act.

13 Sec. 6. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the program of
14 the Department of Health the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall
15 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

16 Sec. 7. If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or
17 invalid, the remainder of this Act or any provisions hereof not affected thereby shall
18 continue to be in force and effect.

19 Sec. 8. Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of
20 instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent or contrary to the provisions of this Act is
21 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

22 Sec. 9. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete
23 publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation.

24 Approved,