



SENATE

S. No. 640

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR PANGILINAN

AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE BICOL MEDICAL CENTER FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS TO ONE THOUSAND (1,000) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL WORKFORCE COMPLEMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8053, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. *Increase in Bed Capacity.* – The
2 authorized bed capacity of the Bicol Medical Center (BMC)
3 is hereby increased from five hundred (500) to one
4 thousand (1,000) beds. The Secretary of Health shall
5 implement the increase in bed capacity of the BMC
6 consistent with the development plan of the hospital.

1 SEC. 2. *Upgrade of Service Facilities.* – The existing
2 hospital facilities and professional health care services of
3 the BMC are also hereby upgraded and increased to
4 conform with and be commensurate to the bed capacity
5 increase as provided for in Section 1 hereof.

6 SEC. 3. *Increase in Personnel.* – Upon consultation
7 with the management of the BMC, the Secretary of Health
8 shall, in coordination with the Secretary of Budget and
9 Management and the Chairperson of the Civil Service
10 Commission, determine the additional plantilla positions
11 to be created and filled up in the workforce of the BMC.

12 SEC. 4. *Hospital Development Plan.* – The Chief of
13 the BMC shall develop a hospital development plan to be
14 submitted to the Department of Health (DOH) to reflect
15 the development goals of the hospital, consistent with the
16 increase in bed capacity and service capability as provided
17 in Sections 1 and 2 hereof. Request for the staffing
18 requirements, capital outlay investments and budgetary
19 needs for operations shall be based on the hospital
20 development plan.

1 SEC. 5. *Appropriation.* – The Secretary of Health
2 shall immediately include in the Department’s programs
3 the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall
4 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

5 SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part
6 of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining
7 parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force
8 and effect.

9 SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.* – Republic Act No. 8053,
10 otherwise known as “An Act Converting the Bicol Regional
11 Training and Teaching Hospital into Bicol Medical Center,
12 Defining its Functions, Responsibilities, Powers and
13 Authority, and Appropriating Funds Therefor” is hereby
14 amended accordingly. All laws, executive orders, issuances,
15 rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby
16 repealed or modified accordingly.

17 SEC. 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen
18 (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in
19 two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,