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**AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) TO SET AND APPROVE
THE BED CAPACITY OF ALL DOH HOSPITALS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Out of 721 public hospitals in the Philippines, 70 are managed by the Department of Health (DOH). The well-being of Filipinos who go to these hospitals depend upon the capacity of such thus, the number of hospitals beds is a good indicator of health service availability in hospitals. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), there should be 20 hospital beds per 10,000 population. Unfortunately, only NCR, Northern Mindanao, Southern Mindanao, and CAR have sufficient number of hospital beds for its population.

This proposed legislation was passed before the House of Representatives in substitution of House Bills numbered 4127 and 6469. It was transmitted to the Senate on May 28, 2019. This adoption aims to support this legislation which remedies the current problem of inadequate number of hospital beds in DOH hospitals.

Given the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure is sought.


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

- 1 Section 1. *Short Title.* This Act shall be known as the "DOH Hospital Bed
2 Capacity Rationalization Act."
- 3 Sec. 2. – This Act shall streamline the process for approving changes in the
4 authorized bed capacities of all Department of Health (DOH) hospitals.
- 5 Sec. 3. – Authority is hereby granted to the DOH to adjust and approve the
6 authorized bed capacities of all DOH hospitals. Thereafter, the DOH shall, through an
7 administrative order, determine the bed capacities of DOH government hospitals,
8 subject to specific guidelines that shall be issued and promulgated, within three (3)
9 months after the enactment of this Act.
- 10 Sec. 4. – The DOH shall provide Congress, through the Committee on Health
11 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health and Demography of
12 the Senate, an annual report of hospitals with approved bed capacity, along with the
13 necessary funding requirements.
- 14 Sec. 5. – The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department's programs
15 the funding requirements for the increase in bed capacity of each of the hospital in
16 accordance with the Philippine Hospital Development Plan and the
17 Modernization/Development Plan of each hospital, the funding of which shall be
18 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

1 Sec. 6. – The DOH shall formulate the rules and regulations to implement this
2 Act within ninety (90) days of its effectivity.

3 Sec. 7. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts
4 thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
5 accordingly.

6 Sec. 8. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
7 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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9 *Approved,*