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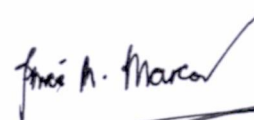
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**INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE VICENTE SOTTO MEMORIAL**  
**MEDICAL CENTER OF THE PROVINCE OF CEBU, FROM ONE THOUSAND**  
**TWO HUNDRED (1,200) TO ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (1,500) BEDS**  
**AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. It is the policy of the state to ensure that all communities have access to quality and accessible healthcare.

The Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center (VSMMC) is a general tertiary, teaching and training hospital in Region VII. VSMMC is the Mega Multi Specialty Hospital of the Visayas that offers various medical services and specialty centers. It accommodates all patients throughout the region and neighboring provinces. Currently, VSMMC admits more than 1,314 patients per day, with an average of 1,350 outpatients daily with only one thousand two hundred (1,200) bed capacity.

To expand the medical needs of VSMMC to provide an efficient and effective delivery of health services to the province of Cebu and Cebu City this bill proposes to increase the bed capacity of the VSMMC located in Cebu City, from one thousand two hundred (1,200) to one thousand five hundred (1,500) beds. Given the abovementioned circumstances, the immediate passage of this bill is necessary.

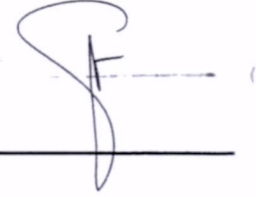


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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1 Section 1. The authorized bed capacity of the Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical  
2 Center (VSMMC) of the province of Cebu is hereby increased from one thousand two  
3 hundred (1,200) to one thousand five hundred (1,500) beds.

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5 Section 2. The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services  
6 of the Vicente Sotto Medical Memorial Center (VSMMC), shall be correspondingly  
7 upgraded to include the increase in the number of its medical personnel. The  
8 Department of Health (DOH) shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for  
9 the effective implementation of this Act.

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11 Section 3. The increase in the bed capacity of the VSMMC from one thousand  
12 two hundred (1,200) to one thousand five hundred (1,500) beds shall be implemented  
13 within the period of six (6) months to one (1) year from the approval of this Act.

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15 Section 4. The DOH, through its approved annual budget, shall initially provide  
16 the necessary funding to support the increase in bed capacity of the VSMMC. The

1 entire budgetary requirements of VSMMC for its operation and the upgrading of its  
2 facilities and services shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act the  
3 following year of its enactment.

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5 Section 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
6 Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*