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INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE EAST AVENUE MEDICAL CENTER
FROM SIX HUNDRED (600) TO ONE THOUSAND (1,000) BEDS AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The East Avenue Medical Center (EAMC) is a 600-bed tertiary general hospital under the Department of Health. Since the hospital's establishment in 1969, EAMC has provided quality service to marginalized Filipinos from Metro Manila including surrounding provinces.

Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect the right of the people and instill health consciousness among them. Moreover, it is State policy to ensure that communities have access to quality and accessible healthcare. Clearly, health service is among the most essential basic services that is urgently and frequently needed by all.

As the EAMC continuously provides quality health service for over 50 years to marginalized patients, it is only proper that the hospital be given support through a legislation that would increase their bed capacity to 1,000 to reinforce the center's capabilities for the benefit of even more Filipinos.

Given the abovementioned circumstances, 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:

SECTION 1. *Reiteration of Policy.* – The policy of the state to "adopt integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all people at affordable cost" is hereby reiterated.

SEC. 2. *Augmentation of Bed Capacity.* – The bed capacity of the East Avenue Medical Center (EAMC) is hereby augmented from six hundred (600) to one thousand (1,000) beds.

SEC. 3. *Upgrading of Current Service Facilities and Professional Health Care Services.* – The existing hospital facilities, professional health care services and health human resource of the East Avenue Medical Center are hereby upgraded to adhere to the augmentation in its bed capacity. The Department of Health, the Civil Service Commission, and the EAMC shall identify the facility needs and its operational requirement distinguishing the supplemental plantilla positions.

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

1 **SEC. 5. *Implementation.*** – The addition in bed capacity of the EAMC shall be
2 implemented for a period of not more than one (1) year from the approval of this Act.

3 **SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.*** – If any of the sections or provisions of this Act is
4 held invalid, all other provisions not affected shall remain valid.

5 **SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.*** – All other laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive
6 orders, presidential proclamations, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof
7 which are contrary to or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby
8 repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

9 **SEC. 8. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
10 in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

11 Approved,