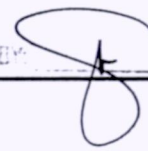




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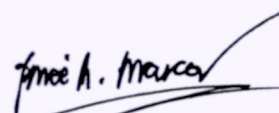
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AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, UPGRADING
ITS SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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 Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center is a tertiary level teaching and training government hospital in Tacloban City. It is one of two nationally-funded hospitals in the region with a population of over four million residents with only five hundred (500) bed capacity.

To expand the medical needs and provide an efficient and effective delivery of health services to the municipalities, cities and provinces of Region VIII, this bill proposes to increase the bed capacity of EVRMC from five hundred (500) 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 Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center shall now be known as
2 the Eastern Visayas Medical Center (EVMC).
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4 Section 2. The authorized bed capacity of EVMC Center shall be increased from
5 five hundred (500) to one thousand five hundred (1,500) beds.
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7 Section 3. The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services
8 of the EVMC shall be correspondingly upgraded to include the increase in the number
9 of its medical personnel. The Department of Health (DOH), in coordinate with the
10 Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission, shall
11 determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up upon
12 consultation with the EVMC.
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14 Section 3. The increase in the bed capacity of the EVMC from five hundred
15 (500) to one thousand five hundred (1,500) beds shall be implemented for a period

1 not exceeding three (3) years from the approval of this Act. During the first year, the
2 bed capacity shall be increased to one thousand (1000), an increase of two hundred
3 fifty (250) beds shall be made during the second year, and another two hundred fifty
4 (250) beds on the third year.

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6 Section 5. All accounts and expenses of the EVMC shall be audited by the
7 Commission on Audit.

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9 Section 6. The Department of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and
10 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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12 Section 7. The DOH, through its approved annual budget, shall initially provide
13 the necessary funding to support the increase in bed capacity of the EVMC. The entire
14 budgetary requirements of EVMC for its operation and the upgrading of its facilities
15 and services shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act the following
16 year of its enactment.

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18 Section 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
19 Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,