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Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

AN ACT
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE PHILIPPINE GENERAL HOSPITAL
IN THE CITY OF MANILA FROM ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (1,500) TO
TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (2,200) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine General Hospital (PGH) is the largest government tertiary hospital in the country and the only national referral center for tertiary care. From its 10-hectare site in the University of the Philippines-Manila campus, and with its 1,100 beds and 400 private beds, PGH provides direct and high-quality medical and healthcare to more than 600,000 patients every year, including thousands of indigent Filipinos from all over the country.

But with the growing population of Metro Manila alone, 13.4 million as of 2020 and counting, the PGH has been constrained by its capacity from serving more patients waiting for free or affordable health care.

PGH frequently exceeds its operational capacity, along with concerns of overcrowding and long waiting times for patients. This situation has been hounding the premier state medical center for decades, which results in hampered medical services especially for indigent patients and families in need of immediate medical attention.

This bill aims to address the consistent congestion issues in PGH, while also investing in the public healthcare system. Once approved, the authorized bed capacity of PGH would be increased to 2,500 beds, from 1,500 presently.

Further, the existing professional health care services and facilities of the hospital are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity.

Investing in people's health is important in order to provide ordinary Filipinos greater access to world-class and affordable tertiary hospital care.

As such, immediate approval of this measure is sought.



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SEC. 6. The Department of Health shall include in the Department's subsidy program, support for the capital outlay requirements of the PGH.

SEC. 7. If any part or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 8. All laws, executive orders, issuances, and rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,