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**AN ACT**  
**CONVERTING THE QUEZON MEDICAL CENTER IN THE CITY OF LUCENA,**  
**PROVINCE OF QUEZON, INTO A TERTIARY LEVEL HOSPITAL AND REGIONAL**  
**TRAINING CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing, the total population of the Province of Quezon is 1,950,459.<sup>1</sup> A significantly large constituency would necessitate the assurance of the government that their health care needs are properly addressed.

With almost two million residents, the current two hundred (200) bed capacity as well as the capability of Quezon Medical Center is insufficient to cater the health needs of the residents of Quezon.

As such, in order to provide quality and efficient health care based on the needs of the people of Quezon, this bill aims to convert the Quezon Medical Center in the City of Lucena into a tertiary level hospital and regional training center. Further, the bill also proposes to increase the current two hundred (200) bed capacity to seven hundred (700).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://rso04a.psa.gov.ph/content/special-release-2024-women-and-men-quezon-province#:~:text=The%20total%20population%20of%20Quezon.Census%20of%20Population%20at%201%2C856%2C582.>

Such increase in bed capacity will enable the Quezon Medical Center to accommodate and treat more patients who need medical attention, most especially those who are less fortunate who rely on health services from public hospitals. This will also allow a greater number of patients not only from Quezon but also neighboring provinces to avail of health care services offered by the Quezon Medical Center.

To ensure the availability of medical professionals in the province of Quezon, the proposed measure will establish a regional training center that will update and upgrade the skills of medical professionals and workers stationed at the Quezon Medical Center to help them adapt to the ever-changing health technologies.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate enactment of this measure is sought.

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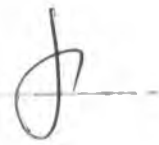
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Quezon Medical Center in the City of Lucena, Province of Quezon,
- 2 is hereby converted into a tertiary level hospital and regional training center, which
- 3 shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).
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- 5 **SEC. 2.** The authorized bed capacity of the Quezon Medical Center shall be increased
- 6 from two hundred (200) to seven hundred (700) beds. Any future increase in bed
- 7 capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan, that shall be prepared
- 8 by the Chief of Hospital of the Quezon Medical Center and submitted to the DOH.
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- 10 **SEC. 3.** The existing professional health care services and facilities of the Quezon
- 11 Medical Center shall also be upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the
- 12 increase in bed capacity as provided for in Section 2 hereof.
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- 14 **SEC. 4.** The existing workforce of the Quezon Medical Center including doctors,
- 15 nurses, and support personnel, shall be increased correspondingly.
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- 17 **SEC. 5.** The Secretary of the DOH shall, after consultation with the Chief of Hospital
- 18 of the Quezon Medical Center, and in coordination with the Secretary of the
- 19 Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Chairperson of the Civil
- 20 Service Commission, determine the additional new positions to be created and filled
- 21 up.

1 **SEC. 6.** The DBM shall determine, in consultation with the DOH and the Provincial  
2 Government of Quezon, the cost of the renationalized functions relative to the  
3 operations of the Quezon Medical Center, from the current Internal Revenue Allotment  
4 (IRA) of the Province of Quezon. Thereafter, such amount shall be allocated to the  
5 DOH, chargeable against the IRA of the Provincial Government of Quezon.

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7 **SEC. 7.** The Secretary of the DOH shall immediately include in the Department's  
8 program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the  
9 annual General Appropriations Act.

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11 **SEC. 8.** If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining  
12 parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

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14 **SEC. 9.** All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, inconsistent with  
15 this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,