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House Bill No. 2548

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

During her first term in Congress, the late Zamboanga City Representative Maria Clara L. Lobregat authored a bill, which later became a law, entitled "An Act Converting the Zamboanga Regional Hospital in Zamboanga City into Zamboanga City Medical Center and Appropriating Funds Therefor", designated as Republic Act No. 7272, and approved on March 24, 1992.

Under Section 2 thereof, it is provided that the medical center shall maintain a minimum bed capacity of two hundred fifty (250). Through the years, this minimum bed capacity requirement has become very inadequate.

In the 10th Congress, the late Representative Lobregat filed House Bill No. 2524, increasing the medical center's minimum bed capacity to five hundred (500). On June 6, 1996, the House approved it on third reading. On February 6, 1998, the bill was approved by the Senate. Due to the 1998 Presidential elections and a delay in the transmittal of the bill to Malacañang, the measure was not signed into law. In the 12th Congress, former Zamboanga City Representative Celso L. Lobregat re-filed the Bill, designated as H.B. No. 4075, which was approved by the House on third reading on November 20, 2002. The Senate failed to act on the Bill upon its last adjournment.

In view of the fact that the Zamboanga City Medical Center does not only serve the medical requirements of the people of Zamboanga City, but also those of Region IX, and considering the substantial increases in the population of the city and region, as indicated by official NSO statistics, there is now more than ever a clear and present need to increase the bed capacity of the Zamboanga City Medical Center from 250 to 500.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this Bill is requested.

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AN ACT
INCREASING THE MINIMUM BED CAPACITY OF THE ZAMBOANGA CITY
MEDICAL CENTER FROM TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (250) TO FIVE HUNDRED (500),
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7272.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7272 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 2. The Medical Center shall serve as the principal hospital facility of Region IX. It shall have a minimum bed capacity of [Two hundred fifty (250)] FIVE HUNDRED (500).”

SEC. 2. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General appropriation Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,