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HOUSE BILL NO. 218

Introduced by HON. EUFRANIO C. ERIGUEL, M.D.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill, which was previously filed in the 15th Congress, seeks to increase the authorized bed capacity of Rosario District Hospital in the Municipality of Rosario, Province of La Union, from twenty five (25) to fifty (50).

This Bill is pursuant to the constitutional guarantee that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost.

The Rosario District Hospital is a Level II Hospital established in 1972. The increasing population in the district as well as the distances between existing hospitals renders necessary the proposed upgrading of the said hospital. The Rosario District Hospital caters to patients residing not only in the municipality of Rosario, with a population of more than 60,000, but also those from the adjacent municipalities of Pugo and Sto. Tomas in La Union, and even those from parts of Sison, Pozorrubio, San Fabian and San Jacinto in Pangasinan, and other towns in Benguet.

The Rosario District Hospital is steadfast in its goal of providing quality health care to the people of La Union and the nearby provinces. It is therefore very crucial that

the Hospital be able to increase its bed capacity, upgrade its services and facilities, and employ more medical personnel.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Franny C. Eriguel', is written over the printed name.

EUFRANIO "FRANNY" C. ERIGUEL, M.D.

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AN ACT

**INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF ROSARIO DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN
ROSARIO, LA UNION, FROM TWENTY FIVE (25) TO FIFTY (50),
UPGRADING ITS SERVICES AND FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL
HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL
PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The authorized bed capacity of the Rosario District Hospital in Rosario, La Union is hereby upgraded from twenty (25) to fifty (50) beds.

SEC. 2. The existing service facilities and professional health care services of Rosario District Hospital are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the bed capacity increase as provided for in Section 1 hereof.

SEC. 3. The existing workforce of Rosario District Hospital shall also be correspondingly increased. The Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission, shall determine and approve the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up upon prior consultation with Rosario District Hospital.

SEC. 4. The increase in bed capacity of Rosario District Hospital from twenty five (25) to fifty (50) shall be implemented for a period of not more than two (2) years from the approval of this Act.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in Department of Health's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen days after its publication in the Official Gazette and in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,