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HOUSE BILL NO. 1032



Introduced by Representative Roman T. Romulo
Lone District of Pasig City

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIII Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution reads,

"Section 11. The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavour to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. xxx"

Pursuant to this mandate of the constitution, Congress has enacted laws establishing public hospitals to cater the health care needs of our less fortunate people. In Pasig City, there are two government hospitals, one of which is the Rizal Medical Center.

Pasig City is comprised of thirty (30) barangays and has a total registered population of 617,301 as of 2007. As the population continues to rise, the Rizal Medical Center finds it more difficult to accommodate the medical needs of the people with only three hundred (300) beds.

For the abovementioned reasons, I strongly urge this body to pass this measure.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roman T. Romulo".

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AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF RIZAL MEDICAL CENTER IN PASIG CITY FROM THREE HUNDRED (300) TO FOUR HUNDRED (400) BEDS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Increase in authorized Bed Capacity.* – The authorized bed capacity of Rizal Medical Center (RMC) in Pasig City is hereby upgraded from three hundred (300) to four hundred (400) beds.

SECTION 2. *Implementation and Appropriation.* – The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriation Act.

SECTION 3. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.