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Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. **1545**



Introduced by **Hon. GABRIEL LUIS R. QUISUMBING**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to data released by the IBON databank last July 2010, there are only 13 hospital beds for every 10,000 population, and one government doctor and seven government nurses and midwives for every 30,000 population. In a survey of 1,005 respondents in seven major hospitals conducted by *Kilos Bayan para sa Kalusugan*, a health sector formation, it was found that 7 out of 10 patients were not immediately attended to either because they had no money, there were no beds available, or no doctor was present to attend to them.

The dismal state of health care services is deeply felt by the poorest of the poor in our nation and is a very legitimate cause for alarm. There are sectors who earn barely enough to feed their families or keep a roof over their heads, such that they sacrifice health concerns in favor of other daily expenses. There is an urgent need to address the issue if we are to effectively deliver social services such as healthcare to our constituents.

With this measure, the author seeks to upgrade the facilities and services of the Eversley Childs Sanitarium from a fifty (50) bed, level 2 secondary category general hospital to a one hundred (100) bed facility, level 3 secondary category general hospital. The upgrade of facilities will increase the capacity of this public hospital and make it more accessible to our constituents who cannot afford expensive private hospitals. The ideal that we strive for is a healthy constituency, equipped with all the tools to realize their full potential and achieve progress as individuals and productive members of society.

In the 15th Congress, The House Committee on Health already approved this proposed measure. Hence, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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"AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF EVERSLEY CHILDS SANITARIUM HOSPITAL IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU FROM FIFTY (50) BED CAPACITY TO ONE HUNDRED (100), UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTHCARE 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 Eversley Childs Sanitarium Hospital is hereby increased from fifty to one hundred (100) beds.

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

Section 3. All laws, decrees, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act shall be deemed amended or repealed accordingly.

Section 4. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's budget programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.