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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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House Bill No. 1560



Introduced by **HON. IMELDA ROMUALDEZ-MARCOS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of the Mariano Marcos Memorial Hospital and Medical Center (MMMH&MC) in Batac City, Ilocos Norte.

The MMMH&MC was established initially as an Emergency Hospital by virtue of House Bill 1393 authored by Hon. Simeon M. Valdez, then Congressman of the 2nd District of Ilocos Norte in 1968. It was gradually transformed to what is now a 200-bed Tertiary Hospital and Medical Center. This is the only Medical Center in Northern Luzon and it caters to the health needs of a wide area.

MMMH&C has experienced a consistently increasing number of admitted patients. From a percentage of 85.06% in 2006, it increased to 115% in 2010. For the last five years, the hospital has been operating maximally, having to adopt creative means to meet the increasing demand for quality health care.

As for now, for every bed there are 2,692 people, which is far lower than the target Bed to Population Ratio (BPR) provided in Administrative Order 06-0004. The Unmet Bed Need (UBN) is in a similar state, currently at 1,853 beds lacking.

How long this state of affairs will remain satisfactory is a matter that cannot be gambled upon because of the lives at stake. It is likely that the situation will worsen given the outbreak of Dengue in the region as well as the recent effects of Typhoon Mina.

Consequently, the current authorized bed capacity needs to be increased from 200 to 300 in order to accommodate its rapidly increasing occupancy noted in the recent years with the corresponding increase in the number of beds, personnel needed (both medical and non-medical), supplies and allocated budget.

Given the importance of providing the much needed services to the people of Northern Luzon, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF MARIANO MARCOS MEMORIAL
HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER (MMMHC) IN BATAK CITY FROM TWO
HUNDRED (200) TO THREE HUNDRED (300), UPGRADING ITS SERVICE 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 Mariano Marcos Memorial Hospital and Medical Center (MMMHC) in the City of Batak is hereby upgraded from two hundred (200) to three hundred (300) beds.

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

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

SECTION 4. The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations for the organizational adjustment fund. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued operation shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved,