

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SIXTEENTH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. **2721**



Introduced by Honorable **JOSEPHINE VERONIQUE "Jaye" R. LACSON - NOEL**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Enactment into law of the upgrade of San Lorenzo Ruiz Women's Hospital (SLRWH), making it a fifty (50) bed capacity hospital, is timely and most required by the growing medical needs of my constituency.

One of the Millennium Development Goals of the Philippines is to decrease the Maternal Mortality Rate by 75%. Since Malabon is one of the few remaining cities in the highly Urbanized Metropolitan Manila area without a public hospital, complicated and high risk pregnancies are referred outside the city. In addition to this gloomy state of public health service in Malabon, is the perennial problem of massive flooding which is the primary cause of many waterborne illnesses inflicting my constituents. As of today, the people of Malabon have grown tired of transporting their sick family members to close municipalities or cities with public hospitals. As a matter of fact, there have been cases wherein medical attention came in late because of the distant location of the hospitals, thus, resulting to the death of the ailing constituent. With the poor and inadequate health care services experienced by my constituents, the Millennium Development Goal to decrease the Maternal Mortality Rate cannot be achieved by 2015 considering the rapid increase of Deaths.

Our people in Malabon do not only suffer inadequate health care services but also the lack of medical facilities and equipment. Upgrading of the bed capacity of SLRWH, complicated and high risk pregnancies can now be managed with proper care and medical facilities and equipment. And even if SLRWH is a women's hospital, it can also cater to children with various kinds of diseases and elderly whose health care needs are imperative.

It is the intent of this measure to finally provide accessible and quality health care services to the Women, children and elderly of Malabon by increasing the bed capacity of San Lorenzo Ruiz Women's Hospital from the ten (10) bed capacity under the Republic Act establishing it to a fifty (50) bed capacity hospital. Thus, its operational mandate is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ WOMEN’S
HOSPITAL FROM A TEN (10) BED CAPACITY HOSPITAL TO FIFTY (50)
BED CAPACITY HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The San Lorenzo Ruiz Women’s Hospital in Malabon City is hereby upgraded from a ten (10) bed capacity hospital into a fifty (50) bed capacity hospital, which will be under the direct technical operation and administration of the Department of Health.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of Health shall issue rules and regulations as deemed necessary for the evaluation and approval of this act.

SECTION 3. The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this act shall be charged to the appropriations for the Department of Health under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as deemed necessary for the continuous operation and maintenance of the hospital shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,