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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3517



Introduced by **HON. RENE L. RELAMPAGOS**
First District, Bohol

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend Republic Act No. 6781 by converting the Congressman Natalio P. Castillo, Sr. Memorial Hospital (CNCMH), located in the Municipality of Loon, Province of Bohol, into a general hospital by increasing its bed capacity from twenty five (25) to one hundred (100). CNCMH is a district hospital which services Loon and other neighboring municipalities.

The magnitude 7.2 earthquake that hit the province of Bohol last October 15, 2013, however, completely destroyed the hospital including the adjoining newly constructed building and rendering the same absolutely unserviceable. Loon was worst hit municipality by the earthquake. As a result, patients injured by the earthquake as well as in-patients in the hospital, at that time, were endorsed to various hospitals.

Prior to the earthquake, CNCMH serves as a major health service provider in the district with the considerable increase in the number of patients coming to the said medical facility. With the proposed reconstruction of CNCMH under the proposed Bohol Rehabilitation Plan, the time to increase its bed capacity could not be more appropriate in order to upgrade and improve the facilities and services of the hospital for the Boholanos in the first district.

In the light of the foregoing, the early passage of this bill is strongly recommended.


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AN ACT
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE CONGRESSMAN NATALIO
P. CASTILLO, SR. MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (CNCMH) AT THE
MUNICIPALITY OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, FROM TWENTY
FIVE (25) TO ONE HUNDRED (100) BEDS AND UPGRADING ITS
SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6781, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. SEC. 2. Increase in Authorized Bed Capacity. – The authorized bed capacity of Congressman Natalio P. Castillo, Sr. Memorial Hospital (CNCMH) is hereby increased from twenty five (25) to one hundred (100) beds, amending for the purpose Republic Act No. 6781.

SEC. 2. Upgrade of Existing Service Facilities and Professional Health Care Services. – The existing service facilities and professional health care services of the CNCMH are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in authorized bed capacity as provided in Section 1 hereof. The CNCMH shall submit to the DOH its proposed development plan and the additional clinical departments and special units it requires to meet the increased authorized bed capacity.

SEC. 3. 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 Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,