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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 4520



Introduced by **HON. ROBERT ACE S. BARBERS**

**AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF CARAGA REGIONAL HOSPITAL
LOCATED IN BARANGAY WASHINGTON, SURIGAO CITY, SURIGAO DEL NORTE
FROM ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) TO THREE HUNDRED (300) BEDS, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the bed occupancy of Caraga Regional Hospital (CRH) located in Barangay Washington, Surigao City, Province of Surigao del Norte from one hundred fifty (150) beds to three hundred (300) beds.

The Caraga Regional Hospital caters to the medical needs of the majority of residents of Surigao City, Surigao del Norte and its neighboring provinces. It has an average occupancy rate of 169.58%—way beyond the ideal World Health Organization standard of 85%. The current authorized bed capacity of 150 beds are inadequate to provide the hospitalization needs of the patients since CRH serves as the core referral hospital—not only to the primary and secondary catchment population of Caraga region—but also the neighboring municipalities in the provinces of Region 8.

As the only regional DOH hospital in Caraga, it is high time to upgrade the Caraga Regional Hospital from a level 2 to a level 3 Teaching and Training Hospital to meet the health needs of the increasing population in Caraga Region and to provide quality, affordable and accessible health care services, especially the marginalized sector in the community.



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

SECTION 1. The bed capacity of Caraga Regional Hospital is hereby upgraded from one hundred fifty (150) to three hundred (300) bed capacity.

The increase in bed capacity of Caraga Regional Hospital from one hundred fifty (150) to three hundred (300) shall be implemented for a period of not more than two (2) years from the approval of this Act.

SEC. 2. The construction and upgrading of the hospital facilities and services shall be under the direct supervision and control of the Department of Health.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Health shall 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. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.