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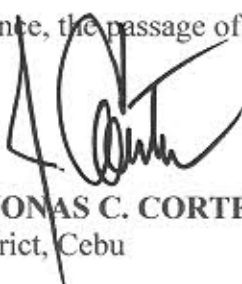
EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to the Department of Health and the National Statistics Office, the Philippines has 1 hospital bed per 1000 Filipinos. Of the 1,812 hospitals registered with the Department of Health in the year 2013, there are only 12 doctors per 10,000 persons, 6 dentists and 61 nurses and midwives who can provide professional healthcare services. According to the World Health Organization, 70 to 80 million Filipinos have no or little access to quality healthcare due to low income.

This sad state of health care services affects the poorest of the Filipinos and every effort must be made to close the gaping chasm that restricts the equal access to quality healthcare.

With this legislative measure, the author seeks to increase the Eversley Childs Sanitarium Hospital bed capacity from a fifty (50) bed, level 2 secondary category general hospital to a two hundred (200) bed facility, level 3 category general hospital and make it more accessible to our constituents who cannot afford expensive private hospitals. This would greatly improve the provision and availability of professional healthcare for marginal and poor constituents of Northern and Metro Cebu.

Hence, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE EVERSLEY CHILDS
SANITARIUM HOSPITAL IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU FROM FIFTY (50)
– BED CAPACITY TO TWO HUNDRED (200) - BED CAPACITY,
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
assembled*

SECTION 1: Increase of Bed Capacity - The authorized bed capacity of the Eversley Childs Sanitarium Hospital is hereby increased from fifty (50) to two hundred (200) beds.

SECTION 2 : Upgrading of Service Facilities and Professional Healthcare - The existing service facilities and professional healthcare services of 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3: Repealing Clause – All laws, decrees rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act shall be deemed amended or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 4: Implementation and Funding – The Department of Health shall immediately include in Its programs the implementation of this Act, the Funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 6: Effectivity - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after it's publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,