

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. 4677



Introduced by REP. KAKA BAG-AO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to upgrade the CARAGA Regional Hospital located in Barangay Washington, Surigao City, Surigao del Norte from a one hundred fifty (150) Bed Capacity Level 2 to three hundred (300) bed capacity Level 3 Hospital.

The average annual bed occupancy rate of 169.58% in the last three years (2013-2015) was beyond the World Health Organization (WHO) standard of 85% which compromises quality of health services and depleted hospital resources. Based on records, the annual bed occupancy rate has been increasing each year. It means that in the next five years, the current bed capacity of CRH is inadequate. Thus, it is imperative to increase its bed capacity to three hundred (300).

As a regional hospital that serves as referral hospital in the province and the region, with the addition of the neighboring Dinagat Islands and Panaon Island in Southern Leyte of Region VIII, CRH needs expansion of health services with corresponding increase in health human resources, upgraded facilities, infrastructure and medical equipment to comply with the minimum requirements of the DOH for a regional training and teaching hospital.

With the passage of this bill, the CARAGA Regional Hospital will move toward improving availability, accessibility, quality, effectiveness and operational efficiency. Its implementation may even be partial depending on the situation but even then any investment towards upgrading of human resource is worth it especially because it is intended for the poor sector of the population. In view of the foregoing, the early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
UPGRADING THE CARAGA REGIONAL HOSPITAL IN SURIGAO CITY, SURIGAO DEL
NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The bed capacity of the CARAGA Regional Hospital in Surigao City, Surigao del Norte is hereby increased from one hundred fifty (150) to three hundred (300) beds.

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 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 (GAA).

SEC. 4. Republic Act 8255 is hereby repealed. All laws, issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,