

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5370



Introduced by **Representative Manuel Luis T. Lopez**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On August 16, 1971, Tondo Medical Center ("TMC") was created and established by virtue of Republic Act 6375 with an initial bed capacity of not less than One Hundred (100). On January 30, 1987, its bed-capacity was increased from One Hundred (100) to Two Hundred (200) beds through Executive Order 119. At present, the bed capacity of TMC has remained at Two Hundred (200) beds despite the exponential increase of the number of its patients.

Thus, this bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of TMC, upgrade its professional health care services, facilities and authorize the increase of its medical personnel in accordance with Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution which deals with Social Justice and Human Rights, to wit:

"SEC. 11. The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical and care to paupers."

The TMC is a DOH-retained, Tertiary Training and Specialty Hospital which, caters to the health needs of in-patients and out-patients, not only from Manila but also from Caloocan, Malabon, Navotas, Valenzuela and other nearby cities and provinces. To accommodate the growing needs of the hospital, efforts were made to improve its facilities through the Health Facilities Enhancement Program (HFEP) of the Department of Health, which have been initiated and implemented at present. Increasing the bed capacity of TMC as well as hiring more medical personnel would greatly contribute to the delivery of accessible, affordable, available and quality health care services to the people most especially to our underprivileged countrymen.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF TONDO MEDICAL CENTER IN THE CITY OF MANILA FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) TO THREE HUNDRED (300) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The authorized bed capacity of the Tondo Medical Center in the City
2 of Manila is hereby increased from Two Hundred (200) to Three Hundred (300) beds.
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4 **SEC. 2.** The existing professional health care services and facilities of the Tondo
5 Medical Center are hereby upgraded to conform and be commensurate to the increase in
6 its authorized bed capacity as provided for in Section 1 hereof.
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8 **SEC. 3.** The existing workforce of the Tondo Medical Center shall also be
9 correspondingly increased. The Department of Health (DOH) shall, in coordination with
10 the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and Civil Service Commission (CSC),
11 and after consultation with the Tondo Medical Center, determine the additional plantilla
12 positions to be created and filled up.
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14 **SEC. 4.** The increase in bed capacity of the Tondo Medical Center from Two
15 Hundred (200) to Three Hundred (300) beds shall be implemented for a period of not
16 more than Two (2) years from the approval of this Act.
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18 **SEC. 5.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's
19 program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the
20 annual General Appropriations Act.
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1 **SEC. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within sixty (60) days from the
2 promulgation of this Act, the necessary rules and regulations for the proper
3 implementation of its provisions shall be formulated by the appropriate government
4 office or agency in coordination with all the stakeholders and covered establishments and
5 institutions.

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7 **SEC. 7.** This Act shall take effect Fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
8 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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10 Approved,