

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5442



Introduced by HONORABLE MARK. O GO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC) from five hundred (500) to eight hundred (800) beds.

This is pursuant to the Constitutional mandate of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

The Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center is a five hundred (500) bed capacity Tertiary Medical and Training Center with Medical Ancillary Services and a retained hospital under the national government. The hospital serves clients from the City of Baguio and its neighboring provinces in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), Region I and Region II. BGHMC is a premiere, referral center in the north of Manila affiliated in all service specializations as well as in the Bureau of Health Facilities. It is also a recognized training institution within the ambit of medical and health care education.

For one hundred fifteen (115) years, BGHMC has been committed to promote excellent health care services. Presently, it caters eighty percent (80%) indigent patients including PhilHealth funded patients. Every year, the hospital exceeds its bed occupancy due to its volume of admission. In 2015, its bed occupancy rate has reached 133.92% with a total admission of 37,022. In the following year, it exceeded 144.17% of its occupancy rate with a total admission of 37,577.

As of February 2017, the bed occupancy rate of BGHMC has reached to 114.32% with total in-patients of 16,005.

To further enhance its capability of delivering public health services, there is an urgent need for the increase of its bed capacity.

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


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**AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF BAGUIO GENERAL HOSPITAL
AND MEDICAL CENTER FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) TO EIGHT HUNDRED (800)
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The authorized bed capacity of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC) in the City of Baguio is hereby increased from five hundred (500) to eight hundred (800) beds.

SEC. 2. The existing service facilities and professional health care services of the BGMC are hereby upgraded to conform with and commensurate to the bed capacity increase as provided for in Section 1 thereof.

SEC. 3. The existing workforce of BGHMC shall also be correspondingly increased. The Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission, shall determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up upon prior consultation with the BGHMC.

SEC. 4. The increase in bed capacity of the BGHMC from Five Hundred (500) to Eight Hundred (800) beds shall be implemented for a period of not more than two (2) years from the approval of this Act.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's programs the implementation of the Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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,