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House Bill **5637**



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

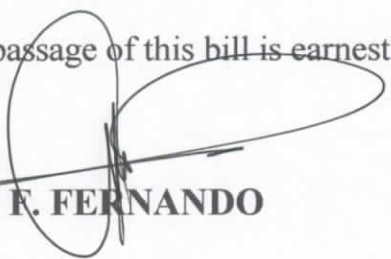
The Amang Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center has been there for more than 50 years. It is a statement of fact that the hospital suffers from a bad reputation, maybe because it is a government hospital, as the residents from the surrounding cities and municipalities prefer to be treated in other hospitals rather than at ARMMC despite the very many improvements made to it through the years.

However, it is this Representation's belief that the ARMMC has the capacity and the capability to satisfactorily serve the more than 3 million residents living in the surrounding cities and municipalities such as Antipolo, Marikina, Pasig, Quezon City and the Province of Rizal as well as relieve the heavy patient load on other government hospitals in the metropolis.

This measure proposes for the increase in the bed capacity of the ARMMC from Three Hundred (300) to Five Hundred (500). Also proposed is the construction of an 8-storey Heart and Lung Unit for the ARMMC which will house at least seven (7) additional operating theatres, a CATH LAB, a Diagnostics / Laboratory unit and additional beds including pay wards and ICUs.

This proposal is timely as it addresses several needs of the hospital at once. The additional beds will enable ARMMC to accommodate more patients as the hospital usually serves 340-410 in-patients at one time, well in excess of the 300 capacity limit. Opening specialized operating theatres means that the hospital can do more major surgeries, giving our doctors more opportunities to practice their trade and ease the glut in the waiting list of patients who urgently need surgery. Lastly, but most important, the construction and equipping of a Cath Lab will be the crown jewel of ARMCC as this will make available heart and lung-related procedures and surgeries in ARMMC. This will surely decongest the overflow of patients at other specialty hospitals and elevate ARMMC's status to the level of the best hospitals in the country, in fulfillment of the Department of Health's aspirations to provide high quality medical service which is inclusive and accessible for all.

Thus, the passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


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**AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE AMANG RODRIGUEZ
MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER IN THE CITY OF MARIKINA, FROM
THREE HUNDRED (300) BEDS TO FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS,
UPGRADING THE SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH
CARE THEREIN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

Section 1. The authorized bed capacity of the Amang Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center (ARMMC) in the City of Marikina, is hereby increased from Three Hundred (300) to Five Hundred (500).

Section 2. Existing service facilities and professional health care services are also hereby upgraded through the construction of a new 8-storey wing/building and with the establishment of a CATH LAB, provision of at least seven (7) additional Operating Theatres, Intensive Care Units, Rooms, Wards and Laboratory Units.

Section 3. The workforce of the Amang Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center shall also be increased. The Department of Health, the Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission, in consultation with the ARMMC, shall determine the new positions to be created and filled-up.

Section 4. The increase in the bed capacity of the ARMMC from Three Hundred (300) to Five Hundred (500) and the upgrading of its facilities as enumerated in Section 2 of this Act shall be implemented not more than Three (3) years from the approval of this Act.

Section 5. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

Section 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Department of Health shall formulate and issue appropriate implementing rules and regulations necessary within 90 days after the passage of this Act for the efficient and effective implementation of all provisions of this Act.

Section 7. All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly

Section 8. Effectivity. – This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.