

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

House Bill No. **5788**



Introduced by **REP. RAUL V. DEL MAR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center (VSMMC) located at B. Rodriguez Street, Cebu City from One Thousand Two Hundred (1,200) beds to One Thousand Five Hundred (1,500) Beds.

VSMMC is a general tertiary medical center teaching training medical facility owned by the Philippine Government. It aims to provide health care services that are available, affordable, accessible and acceptable to all regardless of social status.

On June 22, 1998 Republic Act No. 8658 principally authored by Rep. Raul V. Del Mar was enacted increasing the bed capacity of VSMMC from 400 to 800 beds. Subsequently, Republic Act No. 10770 principally authored again by Rep. Del Mar increasing the bed capacity of VSMMC from 800 to 1200 bed capacity and appropriating funds therefor was enacted on April 26, 2016. As of today, VSMMC admits more than 1,200 patients per day and with an average of 700-800 patients daily at the Out Patient Department (OPD).

Presently, the VSMMC is implementing its new direction with the development of Specialty and Sub-specialties under the different clinical departments.

The Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center (VSMMC) is the Mega-Multi Specialty Hospital of the Visayas with various Specialty Centers catering to Heart - Lung Center, Kidney Transplant Center, Oncology & Cancer Surgery, Brain Center and Acute Stroke Units, Eye Center, Pediatric Center, Biomarine Poisoning and Toxicology Centers, Rehab Center, Orthopedics Center, Dermatology Center, Diabetes Control Centers, Geriatric Center, Neonatology Center, Trauma Center, Infectious Disease and Tropical Medicine Centers, Reproductive Health Centers, Burn Treatment Centers, Psychiatry Centers and Medical Tourism Services.

In view of the strategic location, the expanding needs of VSMMC and the desire to provide an efficient and effective delivery of health services to the public in Cebu City, Province of Cebu and the rest of the Visayas and provinces in Mindanao fronting the island of Cebu, the approval of this measure is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF VICENTE SOTTO MEMORIAL
MEDICAL CENTER, LOCATED IN CEBU CITY, FROM ONE THOUSAND
TWO HUNDRED (1,200) TO ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (1,500)
BED CAPACITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE

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

SECTION 1. The bed capacity of Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center is hereby increased from one thousand two Hundred (1,200) to one thousand five hundred (1,500) beds.

SEC. 2. 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.

SEC. 3. The Department of Health is directed to implement this Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,