

Republic of the Philippines
Quezon City

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. **5791**



Introduced by Representative Federico S. Sandoval II

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the San Lorenzo Ruiz Women's Hospital (SLRWH) in Malabon City, Metro Manila into a general hospital to be known as the Malabon City General Hospital, increasing its bed capacity from ten (10) to one hundred (100) beds.

The San Lorenzo Ruiz Women's Hospital was established on March 8, 1990 by virtue of Republic Act No. 6864. The hospital started operating as an outpatient clinic with 99 volunteers, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics and support staff under the direct supervision of Dr. Ma. Alicia M. Lim, former Medical Center Chief of Jose R. Reyes Memorial Medical Center.

The San Lorenzo Ruiz Women's Hospital is a 10-bed capacity special first-level referral hospital under the Department of Health caring for the health of women and children residing in Malabon, Valenzuela, Caloocan, Obando, Tanza and Navotas. Through the years, the hospital caters a wide variety of services and the need to increase the bed capacity is already warranted.

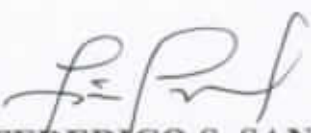
As part of the State of the Nation Address directive of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to "***strengthen professional competence and operational capabilities of government hospitals,***" the Department of Health supports the upgrading of all Level I hospitals into Level II, and implements the Health Facilities Enhancement Program (HFEP) with the main goal of improving the delivery of basic, essential and specialized health service. The HFEP aims to upgrade and rehabilitate hospitals of barangay health services, rural health units, government hospitals and health facilities in provinces to make them more responsive to the health needs of the people.

As of now, the San Lorenzo Ruiz Women's Hospital is operating under a 35 implementing bed capacity constantly exceeding the bed occupancy rate by 353% based on authorized 10-bed capacity. The hospital operates and provides the basic services to all the patients working with a plantilla position for a 25-bed capacity hospital.

The current location and structure of the hospital can accommodate as much as 80 to 90 beds (for inpatients) after the implementation of its current infrastructure projects. The hospital includes in its five-year development plan for 2018 to 2022, a proposal for the acquisition of land for the hospital's growing needs.

With the additional 90 beds, the proposed Malabon City General Hospital can provide accessible and quality health care services that will greatly benefit the women, children, elderly and the most marginalized sector of the community, not only in Malabon City but also in neighboring areas.

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



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AN ACT
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MALABON CITY, METRO MANILA INTO A GENERAL HOSPITAL
TO BE KNOWN AS THE MALABON CITY GENERAL HOSPITAL,
INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM TEN (10) TO ONE
HUNDRED (100) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The San Lorenzo Ruiz Women's Hospital in Malabon City, Metro Manila is hereby converted into a general hospital to be known as the Malabon City General Hospital.

SEC. 2. The bed capacity of the Malabon City General Hospital is increased from ten (10) to one hundred (100) beds. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the program of the Department of Health the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. The existing service capacity, professional health care services and health human resource of the Malabon City General Hospital are hereby upgraded and increased to conform with and be commensurate to the bed capacity as herein provided.

SEC. 4. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 5. Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Health shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Budget and Management, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this 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,