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HOUSE BILL NO. 5796

Introduced by:
HON. ERIC D. SINGSON HON. DEOGRACIAS VICTOR B. SEVELLANO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of the Ilocos Sur Training and Regional Medical Center (ITRMC) in San Fernando City, Province of La Union, from three hundred (300) to five hundred (500), and to authorize the increase of its medical personnel, upgrading of its services and facilities.

The collective health of a people affects their overall socio-economic development. At the moment, people not only from Ilocos Sur, but also from the nearby towns of the provinces of Ilocos Norte, Abra, Mountain Province and Benguet would need to go to ITRMC in San Fernando City, La Union, which is two to four hour drive away, just to get better medical service. ITRMC being a training hospital and a regional hospital has well trained specialized doctors and with national funding, has more advanced medical equipment providing an overall better quality medical service. While there are several hospitals which could cater to the needs of the area's growing population, there is a dire need for a better health service. The concept of health has become a fundamental human right and the people deserves better. Thus, it is but proper for us to file this Bill to increase the bed capacity of ITRMC from three hundred (300) to five hundred (500), and to increase its medical personnel, upgrade its services and its facilities. This would greatly help the people of the region, specially the poor in far flung and upland areas.

In this light, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.

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ERIC D. SINGSON

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AN ACT
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE ILOCOS SUR TRAINING AND REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (ITRMC) IN SAN FERNANDO CITY, PROVINCE OF LA UNION, FROM THREE HUNDRED (300) TO FIVE HUNDRED (500), AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, UPGRADING ITS SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. *Increase in Authorized Bed Capacity.* – The authorized bed capacity of the Ilocos Training and Regional Medical Center (ITRMC), in San Fernando City, province of La Union, is hereby upgraded from three hundred (300) to five hundred (500) beds.

Section 2. *Expansion of Manpower Requirement.* – The existing manpower requirement of Region I Medical Center is correspondingly increased to conform with Section 1 hereof. The Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission, shall determine and approve the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up upon prior consultation and recommendation by the ITRMC.

Section 3. *Upgrade of Existing Service Facilities and Professional Health Care Services.* – The existing service facilities and professional health care services are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in authorized bed capacity as provided in Section 1 hereof. The ITRMC shall submit to the Department of Health its proposed hospital development plan and the additional clinical departments and special units it requires to meet the increased authorized bed capacity.

Section 4. *Implementation and Appropriation.* – The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,