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EXPLANATORY NOTE

True to its mission of being a DOH hospital, Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital delivers effective and efficient health services to achieve equity in health for all. It caters to all locals of Pampanga regardless of their district, race, and social status.

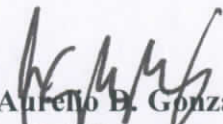
Presently, Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital caters to 700 patients on a daily basis. Out of the 700 patients, 14% are being admitted for further medications. Despite of the demands, the hospital remains at 500 bed capacity. With the drastic growth in population, the need for medical services, which may require hospitalization, likewise increases. Hence, it is imperative that the bed capacity of JBLMGH be likewise upgraded to meet the rising demand for medical services.

Furthermore, the 1987 Constitution provides in Article II, Section 15 that:

Section 15. The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

Every life is precious. The additional 200 beds will do a lot in saving lives not only of the people of Pampanga but also the neighboring provinces, which may choose to avail the medical services of the hospital.

In view of the foregoing considerations, prompt and favorable consideration of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 1 AND 4 OF R.A. 10355.

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

[**Section 1.** The authorized bed capacity of the Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital (JBLMGH) in San Fernando City, Pampanga is hereby upgraded from two hundred fifty (250) to five hundred (500) beds.]

SECTION 1 IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS;

THE AUTHORIZED BED CAPACITY OF JOSE B. LINGAD MEMORIAL GENERAL HOSPITAL IN SAN FERNANDO CITY, PAMPANGA IS HEREBY UPGRADED FROM 500 BED CAPACITY TO 700 BED CAPACITY.

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

Section 3. The existing workforce of the JBLMGH 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 JBLMGH.

[**Section 4.** The increase in bed capacity of the JBLMGH from two hundred fifty (250) to five hundred (500) beds shall be implemented for a period of not more than four (4) years from the approval of this Act.]

SECTION 4 IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS;

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE URGENT NEED TO PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE OF THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, THE INCREASE IN BED CAPACITY OF THE JBLMGH FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) TO SEVEN HUNDRED (700) BEDS SHALL BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED WITHIN A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN ONE (1) YEAR FROM THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT.

Section 5. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Departments program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.