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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Batangas Medical Center is a DOH-retained tertiary level teaching and training hospital located at the heart of Batangas City. Presently, BatMC has an authorized bed capacity of 500 beds pursuant to Republic Act 9791. It has the whole Province of Batangas as its catchment area, with a total population of 2,694,335 as per 2015 census.

Due to recent developments in the whole province of Batangas, the rapid urbanization and corresponding increase in population, the hospital needs to adapt and respond to the changes in order to continue performing its mandate to provide quality and affordable health care and services.

This measure proposes for the increase in the bed capacity of the BatMC from Five Hundred (500) to One Thousand (1000). Also proposed is the construction of a mutli-storey wing or building which may house additional operating theatres, laboratory units, especially the additional beds including wards and ICUs with the commensurate staff complement to run the hospital.

This proposal is timely as it addresses several needs of the hospital at once. The additional beds will enable BatMC to accommodate more patients as the hospital usually serves well in excess of its 500 capacity limit. Opening more operating theatres means that the hospital can do more major surgeries, giving our doctors more opportunities to practice and teach their trade and ease the glut in the waiting list of patients who urgently need surgery.

Thus, the passage of this bill is urgently requested.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mario Vittorio 'Marvey' A. Mariño".

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AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE BATANGAS MEDICAL CENTER IN THE CITY OF BATANGAS, FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS TO ONE THOUSAND (1000) 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 Batangas Medical Center (BatMC) in the City of Batangas, is hereby increased from Five Hundred (500) to One Thousand (1000).

Section 2. Existing service facilities and professional health care services are also hereby upgraded through the construction of a multi-storey wing/building which may house additional Operating Theatres, Intensive Care Units, Rooms, Wards and/or Laboratory Units.

Section 3. The plantilla employees of Batangas Medical Center, which includes doctors, nurses and support personnel shall also be increased. The Department of Health, the Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission, in consultation with the Batangas Medical Center, shall determine the new positions to be created and filled-up.

Section 4. The increase in the bed capacity of the Batangas Medical Center from Five Hundred (500) to One Thousand (1000), the upgrading of its facilities and increase in personnel complement as enumerated in Section 2 and 3 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.