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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Art. II, Sec. 15 of the 1987 Constitution states that "*The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.*" Furthermore, Art. XIII, Sec. 11 of the same further emphasizes that "*the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.*" Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, the government must continuously exert efforts in ensuring quality and accessible healthcare for its people.

The Corazon Locsin Montelibano Memorial Regional Hospital (CLMMRH) is a tertiary teaching-training hospital located at Lacson-Burgos Streets, Bacolod City, Negros Occidental. Ten (10) departments are accredited by their respective societies, namely: General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Anesthesiology, Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Orthopedics and Traumatology, Ophthalmology, Laboratory, and Diagnostic Imaging and Radiologic Sciences. It serves as the sole end referral and premiere tertiary government hospital that offers specialized medical care in the City of Bacolod, the entire province of Negros Occidental, and the neighboring provinces within the Western Visayas region.

Founded on March 24, 1926 with only a 25-bed capacity, CLMMRH gradually increased its bed capacity until January 21, 1981, when the last law increasing its bed capacity to 400, Batas Pambansa Blg. 118, was enacted. Despite the vast population growth within the City of Bacolod and the Western Visayas Region since 1981, the CLMMRH capacity and personnel are yet to be adjusted accordingly.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill seeking to increase the bed capacity of CLMMRH from 400 beds to 1,000 beds and providing for additional hospital personnel is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF CORAZON
LOCSIN MONTELIBANO MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL IN THE
CITY OF BACOLOD, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL FROM
FOUR HUNDRED (400) TO ONE THOUSAND (1,000) BEDS CAPACITY,
AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS PERSONNEL, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

SECTION 1. The bed capacity of Corazon Locsin Montelibano Memorial Regional Hospital in the City of Bacolod, Province of Negros Occidental shall be increased from four hundred (400) to one thousand (1,000) beds capacity.

SECTION 2. The CLMMRH, through its Board of Trustees, is hereby authorized to increase and hire additional employees corresponding to the upgrading of its services and facilities and increase in bed capacity. The Chief of Hospital of the CLMMRH shall coordinate with the Department of Health, the Department of Budget, and the Civil Service Commission for the efficient and effective implementation of this Section.

SECTION 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act separate and distinct from the budget of the Department of Health and the Civil Service Commission of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SECTION 4. All laws, decrees, ordinances, rules and regulations, executive or administrative orders, and other presidential issuances inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. 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.

Approved,



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