

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 8276



Introduced by **Rep. Hon. Gabriel H. Bordado, Jr.**

EXPLANATORY NOTES

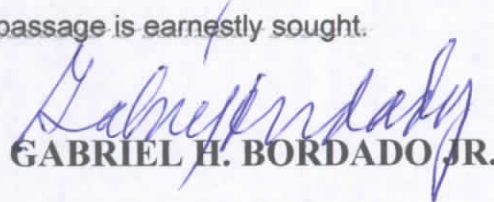
Previously known as the Bicol Regional Training and Teaching Hospital (BRTTH), the Bicol Medical Center (BMC) in Naga City serves patients principally coming from the 6 provinces and 7 cities of the Bicol Region aside from conducting teaching/training and research programs. Pursuant to Republic Act No. 8053, the BMC has been authorized to operate on a 300 - bed capacity, excluding the Don Susano V. Rodriguez Memorial Mental Hospital located in Cadlan, Pili, Camarines Sur, which has a 200 - bed capacity and which is likewise under its jurisdiction.

The BMC actually traces its roots to a 25 - bed provincial hospital established in 1933 in a rented Spanish-style edifice in Naga City. Due to inadequate facilities, however, the provincial hospital folded up in 1936. Four years later, the then Commonwealth government started building what would be the precursor of the present-day hospital straddling an area of, more or less, 15 hectares.

At this stage, the BMC gallantly tries to live up to its standing as the premier government hospital in a region rich in natural resources but ironically saddled by grinding poverty. Gallantry, though, has its limits especially in the context of the inadequacies hounding the medical center a couple of decades after its inception. Just imagine that the BMC has to contend with an average of 850 patients a day -- far exceeding its 500-bed capacity.

This bill, therefore, calls for an increase in the bed capacity of BMC to 1000; a corresponding upgrade in its service facilities and professional health care; and the allocation of sufficient funding to effect such overdue reforms, as it were.

Given the urgency of the bill, its immediate passage is earnestly sought.


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1 **AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF BICOL MEDICAL**
2 **CENTER FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) TO ONE THOUSAND (1000)**
3 **BEDS, UPGRADING THE SERVICE FACILITIES AND**
4 **PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE THEREIN, AND APPROPRIATING**
5 **FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

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11 **SECTION 1.** The authorized bed capacity of the Bicol Medical Center (BMC) is
12 hereby increased from five hundred (500) to one thousand (1000) beds.

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14 **SEC. 2.** The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services of the
15 BMC are also hereby upgraded and increased to conform with and be
16 commensurate to the increase in bed capacity.

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18 **SEC. 3.** Upon consultation with the BMC, the Department of Health shall, in
19 coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service
20 Commission, determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up in
21 the workforce of BMC.

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23 **SEC. 5.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be
24 included in the annual General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment
25 into law and thereafter.

1 **SEC. 6.** All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or part thereof
2 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed and/or modified
3 accordingly.

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5 **SEC. 7.** This Act shall take effect within fifteen (15) days after complete publication
6 in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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Approved,