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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 9171



Introduced by Hon. Jerry P. Treñas

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of Western Visayas Medical Center (WVMC) situated in Mandurriao, Iloilo City from the current four hundred and twenty-five (425) to six hundred (600) beds.


The last time the WVMC had an upgrade was February 25, 1992, when Republic Act No. 7198 was enacted which effectively increased the bed capacity to the current four hundred (400). Thereafter, in 1995, Department of Health gave supervisory powers to WVMC over Pototan Mental Health Unit (PMHU), which, in effect, increased the bed capacity to four hundred and twenty-five (425) beds.

Since then, there have been no other law passed by Congress nor Memorandum Order issued by DOH to increase the bed capacity or give additional beds to said tertiary teaching and training hospital.

In Iloilo City alone, the City Population Office of the Iloilo, through their Population Growth Rate and the Community-based Migration Project, estimates that the City will reach more than Five Hundred Thousand (500,000) this year, 2019. Moreover, the WVMC also caters all the neighboring provinces in the Panay Island, province of Guimaras, and the rest of the region.

It is the intent of the bill to increase the bed capacity of the said hospital so as to make available more health services in the Visayas Region in view of the upsurge in population in the past 30 years.

I, therefore, highly encourage the immediate approval of this bill.


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**AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE WESTERN VISAYAS
MEDICAL CENTER IN MANDURIAO, ILOILO CITY, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The authorized bed capacity of the Western Visayas Medical Center situated in Mandurriao, Iloilo City is hereby increased from four hundred and twenty-five (425) to six hundred (600) beds.

SEC. 2. The existing hospital facilities and professional health services of the Western Visayas Medical Center are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in its bed capacity as provide in Section 1 hereof.

SEC. 3. The existing workforce of the Western Visayas Medical Center shall also be correspondingly increased. The Department of Health (DOH), shall, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and the Western Visayas Medical Center (WVMC), determine the additional staff plantilla positions to be created pursuant to this act.

SEC. 4. The increase in bed capacity of the Western Visayas Medical Center to six hundred (600) beds shall be implemented for a period of not more than two (2) years from the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 5. 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.

SEC. 6. This law shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or two newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,