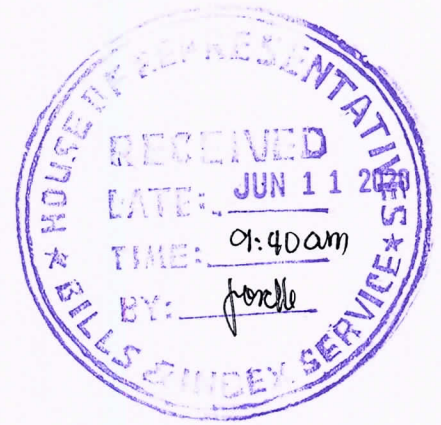


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HOUSE BILL NO. 6993



Introduced by HON. JERICO JONAS B. NOGRALES

**AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE DAVAO
REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER FROM SIX HUNDRED (600) TO ONE
THOUSAND (1000) BEDS, UPGRADING THE SERVICE FACILITIES
AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE THEREIN, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Davao Regional Medical Center (“DRMC”) is a government tertiary training hospital at the heart of Tagum City, serving patients from Compostela Valley, Davao del Norte, Davao del Sur, Davao Oriental, Surigao del Sur, Agusan del Norte, and Agusan del Sur. In 2015, its capacity was increased from two hundred (200) to six hundred (600) beds in response to the hospital’s need to enhance its capacity to serve a larger area.

Today, the DRMC provides top notch health services to the region and has to be contributed significantly to Mindanao’s health sector development. It holds the distinction of being the Cancer Center for Mindanao and has the only accredited Kidney Transplant Program in Mindanao. Additionally, it operates beyond Tagum City through its Extension Hospital in San Isidro, Davao del Norte, which is in dire need of competent manpower to adequately serve the population therein.

In order to sufficiently provide for health service needs of the region and further promote the development of Mindanao's health sector, this bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of the DRMC from six hundred (600) to one thousand beds and provide for the manpower needed for the operations of its Extension Hospital.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is highly and earnestly sought.

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

SECTION 1. The authorized bed capacity of the Davao Regional Medical Center ("DRMC") in Apokon, Tagum City is hereby increased from six hundred (600) to one thousand (1000) beds, which shall be implemented upon the approval of this Act.

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

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

SEC. 4. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 5. All laws, decrees, orders, issuances rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,