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House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. 7177



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AN ACT
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE PHILIPPINE GENERAL
HOSPITAL FROM ONE THOUSAND AND FIVE HUNDRED (1,500) BEDS
TO TWO THOUSAND AND TWO HUNDRED (2,200) BEDS
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine General Hospital (PGH) has served as the National University Hospital and the largest public hospital in the country ever since its establishment in 1907 by virtue of Act No. 1688 by the Philippine Commission. What used to be a 330-bed hospital in 1910 is now a 1,500-bed hospital that provides its renowned health services to all Filipinos, especially the poor and marginalized.

As the country's population grows, there is a dire necessity to expand and upgrade the facilities and equipment of the PGH to better cater to the needs of the ailing public. The PGH reports patient overcrowding, creating a constant challenge to its medical personnel, and a greater concern to the health and well-being of its patients.

This bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of the Philippine General Hospital from one thousand and five hundred (1,500) beds to two thousand and two hundred (2,200) beds.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. The authorized bed capacity of the Philippine General Hospital (PGH) is hereby increased from one thousand and five hundred (1,500) to two thousand and two hundred (2,200).

SECTION 2. The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services of the PGH, shall be correspondingly upgraded to include the increase in the number of its medical personnel. The University of the Philippines (UP) shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. The increase in the bed capacity of the PGH from one thousand and five hundred (1,500) beds to two thousand and two hundred (2,200) beds shall be implemented within the period of six (6) months to one (1) year from the approval of this Act.

SECTION 4. The University of the Philippines, through its approved annual budget, shall initially provide the necessary funding to support the increase in bed capacity of the PGH. The entire budgetary requirements of the PGH for its operation and the upgrading of its facilities and services shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA) the following year of its enactment.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a national paper of general circulation.

Approved,