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HOUSE BILL NO. 10045

Introduced by: **CONG. "KUYA" JOSE ANTONIO R. SY-ALVARADO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Bulacan Medical Center (BMC) is a Level 3- DOH Accredited tertiary, teaching and training hospital located at the center of Malolos City, Bulacan with a primary objective of delivering quality health care for Bulakeños. Originally, it was built merely as a 25-bed capacity hospital. With the passage of the Republic Act No. 7169 on 1991, otherwise known as the Local Government Code, devolution of health services was mandated, hence the transfer of the jurisdiction of the Bulacan Provincial Hospital to the Local Government Unit. Since then, full support from the Provincial Government of Bulacan was extended to the hospital. From a mere 25-bed capacity it has grown into a 300-bed capacity hospital. (Bulacan Medical Center, n.d.)

Recently, due to the unceasing rise of COVID-19 cases in the Province of Bulacan, the 300-bed capacity of the BMC is not enough to accommodate every patients. The Provincial Government of Bulacan also decided that there is no confinement at BMC for non-covid patients.

This measure aims to increase the bed capacity of the Bulacan Medical Center and upgrade its facilities to optimize the mortality rate of COVID patients and to support the very objective of the hospital of delivering quality health care for Bulakeños.

Thus, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE BULACAN MEDICAL CENTER IN
CITY OF MALOLOS, BULACAN FROM THREE HUNDRED (300) TO SIX
HUNDRED (600) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE
SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THERFOR

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as the “*Lingkod Increasing Bed Capacity of Bulacan Medical Center Act*”.

SECTION 2. Increasing Bed Capacity. The authorized bed capacity of the Bulacan Medical Center (BMC) in City of Malolos, Bulacan is hereby increased from three hundred (300) to six hundred (600) beds.

SECTION 3. Upgrading of Facilities. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the BMC are also hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as provided for in Section 2 hereof.

SECTION 4. Increasing Personnel and Workforce. The existing workforce of the BMC, which includes doctors, nurses and support personnel, shall also be increased correspondingly. The Secretary of the Department of Health (DOH) shall, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Commissioner of the Civil Service Commission (CSC), and after consultation with the Chief of the BMC, determine the additional new positions to be created and filled up.

SECTION 5. Continuous Development. Any future increase in bed capacity, service capability and staffing requirements shall be consistent with the hospital development plan which shall be prepared and submitted by the Medical Center Chief of the BMC to the DOH to reflect the developmental goals of the hospital.

SECTION 6. Appropriation. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the program of the DOH the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Secretary of Health, in coordination with the Secretary of the DBM and the Commissioner of the CSC shall, within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION 8. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, orders, issuances or portion thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

