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House Bill No. 2535



Introduced by **HON. KRISTINE ALEXIE B. TUTOR**
Third District, Bohol

Explanatory Note

The Constitution states that it is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. Further, the State is mandated to adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health, and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. More importantly, the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children shall be prioritized.

The Teodoro B. Galagar District Hospital provides preventive, curative, emergency health, and supportive professional services not only to the residents of the Municipality of Jagna but to the other residents and patients in the 3rd District of Bohol. They particularly provide quality medical care especially to indigents that are admitted in the hospital. In 2016, the Teodoro B. Galagar District Hospital was given its ISO 9001:2008 certification, the first district hospital in the region to be given the ISO accreditation.

In order to sustain this accreditation and to ensure that all Filipinos are guaranteed equitable access to quality and affordable health care goods and services consistent with the Universal Health Care Law, the proposed upgrading of the Teodoro B. Galagar District Hospital is earnestly sought.

With the proposed upgrade and increase in personnel, the provision of modern medical equipment, medicines, state-of-the-art laboratory and other medical requirements, we can further enhance its capacity to promote public health and enhance its capacity to cater to indigent patients.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF TEODORO B. GALAGAR DISTRICT
HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JAGNA, PROVINCE OF BOHOL FROM
SEVENTY-FIVE (75) BEDS TO ONE HUNDRED (100) BEDS 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 Teodoro B. Galagar District Hospital in the Municipality of Jagna, Province of Bohol is hereby increased from seventy-five (75) beds to one hundred (100) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital's development plan.

SEC. 2. The existing professional and health care services and facilities of the Teodoro B. Galagar District Hospital are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in its bed capacity as provided in Section 1 hereof.

SEC. 3. The existing workforce of the Teodoro B. Galagar District Hospital shall be correspondingly increased. Upon prior consultation with the management of the Teodoro B. Galagar District Hospital, in coordination with the Secretary of Health, the Secretary of Budget and Management, and the Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission shall determine the additional plantilla positions to be created pursuant to this Act.

SEC. 4. The Provincial Government of Bohol shall provide the necessary funds to support the increase in bed capacity of the Teodoro B. Galagar District Hospital and the corresponding upgrading of its facilities and services. The Secretary of the Department of Health (DOH) shall include in the DOH's subsidy program, support for the capital outlay requirements of the district hospital.

SEC. 5. If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. All other laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly. **SEC. 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.