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House Bill No. 2598



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

Explanatory Note

This proposed measure seeks to increase the bed capacity of the Cong. Simeon G. Toribio Memorial Hospital in the Municipality of Carmen, Province of Bohol from forty (40) to seventy-five (75).

The Cong. Simeon G. Toribio Memorial Hospital is a small hospital which provides quality and affordable health care services to the residents from the Municipality of Carmen and its neighboring towns. The hospital is engaged in various medical programs including a special help for children and poor families. However, thru the years, the growth in the number of the population in the municipality of Carmen and its neighboring towns pose greater challenges in ensuring the well-being of the populace. Hence, there is a need to improve the capacity of the Cong. Simeon G. Toribio Memorial Hospital. This proposed measure provides for an increase in the bed capacity of the hospital as well as a corresponding increase in its workforce.

The proposed legislation aims to create a more responsive health institution that shall ensure that effective and efficient delivery of medical services are made available to the public, particularly the poor and the marginalized sector of society.

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

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AN ACT
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF CONG. SIMEON G. TORIBIO
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN, PROVINCE OF
BOHOL FROM FORTY (40) BEDS TO SEVENTY-FIVE (75) 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 Cong. Simeon G. Toribio Memorial Hospital in the Municipality of Carmen, Province of Bohol is hereby increased from forty (40) beds to seventy-five (75) 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 Cong. Simeon G. Toribio Memorial Hospital are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the bed capacity as herein provided for.

SEC. 3. The existing workforce of the Cong. Simeon G. Toribio Memorial Hospital shall be correspondingly increased. Upon prior consultation with the management of the Cong. Simeon G. Toribio Memorial 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 Cong. Simeon G. Toribio Memorial 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 aforementioned 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.