

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No 5023



Introduced by Representatives Marjorie Ann "Maan" A. Teodoro, Yedda Marie K. Romualdez and Jude A. Acidre

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of Amang Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center (ARMMC) in the City of Marikina from five hundred (500) beds to one thousand (1,000) beds.

The Hospital was established in 1946 in virtue of Republic Act No. 3862 or *An Act Providing for the Establishment, Operation, and Maintenance of an Emergency Hospital in the Municipality of Marikina, Province of Rizal, and Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds Therefor* with a capacity of only 25 beds; It was created to cater to the medical needs of the locals of Marikina and its neighboring towns and municipalities within the province of Rizal. In 1969, its bed capacity increased from 25 to 50 and then again from 50 to 75 beds in 1974.

In 1977, the facility became a tertiary provincial hospital with a bed capacity of 100 now fully equipped in the fields of Medicine, Pediatrics, Ob-Gyne and Surgery. After some time, it became a tertiary licensed facility, teaching and training center under the Department of Health (DOH). As a result, the hospital has been considered as a "referral center" for complicated cases for the eastern part of Metro Manila, province of Rizal and other provinces.

In 1992, ARMMC increased its bed capacity from 100 beds to 150 beds in virtue of Republic Act No. 7209, and again in 2007 from 150 beds to 300 beds in virtue of Republic Act No. 9419 and finally, 300 beds to 500 beds in virtue of Republic Act No. 11287 in 2019.

Given the history of ARMMC, it is apparent that it has been serving Filipinos for decades and has proven itself worthy of being an outstanding medical facility. To be granted a continuous increase in bed capacity is a testament to the hospital's conformity to the evolving health needs and services of the medical field. The increase in bed capacity from 500 to 1,000 will provide further opportunities for the hospital to open its doors to Filipinos who heavily rely on them for their immediate care and treatments.

Health shall always be one of our priorities. It is through health that we can guarantee an active participation within our community for the development of it and our country. It is

likewise the State's responsibility to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

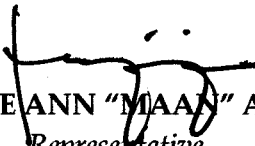
Therefore, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE AMANG RODRIGUEZ MEMORIAL
MEDICAL CENTER (ARMMC) IN THE CITY OF MARIKINA FROM FIVE HUNDRED
(500) BEDS TO ONE THOUSAND (1,000) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR**

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

SEC. 1. The authorized bed capacity of the Amang Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center (ARMMC) in the City of Marikina is hereby increased from five hundred (500) to one thousand (1,000) beds.

Sec. 2. The existing professional and health care services and facilities of the ARMMC are hereby upgraded to conform with and be utilized to the increase in its bed capacity as mentioned in Section 1 hereof.

Sec. 3. The existing workforce of ARMMC shall likewise be increased to conform with the increase in its bed capacity. Upon prior consultation with the management of ARMMC, 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 in pursuant of this Act.

Sec. 4. The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department's program the implementation of the increase in the bed capacity of ARMMC, the funding of which shall be included in annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 5. The fund necessary for the implementation of this act shall be charged against the General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 6. 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. 7. Republic Act No. 9419, as amended by Republic Act No. 11287, is hereby further amended. 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. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,