

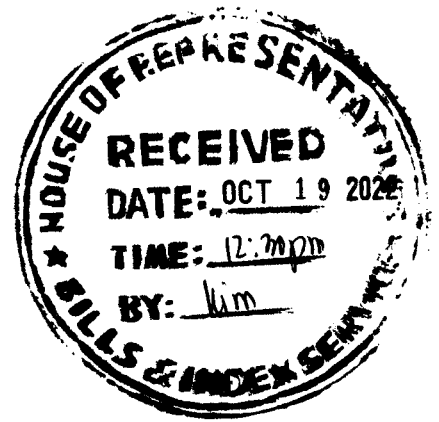


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bataan General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC) is a Level III Department of Health (DOH) hospital with an authorized bed capacity of 500 beds under Republic Act (RA) 11107. The BGHMC is currently serving the needs of patients within Region III, with the Province of Bataan as its primary catchment area and nearby provinces within the region as its secondary catchment areas.

With its expansion of health facilities and services over the last few years, the hospital is also expecting a substantial increase in the number of patients that it will be catering to. Thus, there is a need to further expand its bed capacity along with corresponding increases in personnel and other related facilities.

The construction of a dedicated cancer center is one such facility. BGHMC is home to the largest cancer treatment unit in Bataan. Its oncology department houses competent medical professionals. The construction of the a cancer center will help the hospital better respond to the needs of patients within its catchment areas.

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


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1 **AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF BATAAN GENERAL HOSPITAL AND**
2 **MEDICAL CENTER IN THE CITY OF BALANGA, PROVINCE OF BATAAN FROM FIVE**
3 **HUNDRED (500) BEDS TO ONE THOUSAND (1,000) BEDS, AND UPGRADING ITS**
4 **SERVICES TO INCLUDE THE OPERATION OF A CANCER CENTER AND**
5 **APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

8 **Section 1.** The authorized bed capacity of the Bataan General Hospital and Medical Center
9 (BGHMC) is hereby increased from five hundred (500) to one thousand (1000) beds, to be
10 implemented for a period of not more than two (2) years from the approval of this Act.

11 **Section 2.** The BGHMC's services are hereby upgraded to include the operation of a cancer
12 center. The completion of the cancer center shall be implemented consistent with the BGHMC's
13 hospital development plan.

14 **Section 3.** The amount necessary for the upgrade, including the acquisition of additional
15 medical equipment and facilities and the construction of needed infrastructure shall be charged
16 against the succeeding year's appropriations of the DOH and thereafter, such sums as may be
17 necessary for its continued operations shall be included in the annual General Appropriations
18 Act.

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20 **Section 4.** The Secretary of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for
21 the implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.

22 **Section 5.** All other laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof
23 which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
24 accordingly.

25 **Section 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette
26 or in a newspaper of general circulation.