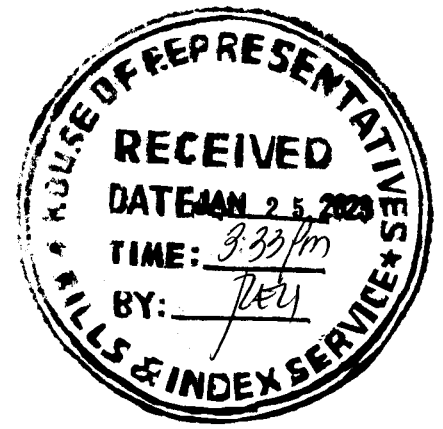


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

By virtue of R.A. No. 10614, the Region 1 Medical Center's bed capacity was increased from 300 to 600 in 2013. After having its capacity doubled, R1MC has endeavored even greater to become the top medical institution in the province of Pangasinan and has been selected as one of the Apex hospitals that will help steward the implementation of the country's universal healthcare law.

However the population of Pangasinan is steadily increasing, and with it comes a more intense pressure for R1MC to deliver. Sheer will and determination may be enough for now, but it is never ideal. The hospital's facilities and medical staff need to be fully equipped and must function commensurate to the growing medical needs of the province, including our regional neighbors. Data provided by the R1MC shows that for the 3,142,274 citizens of the province the **Total Hospital Beds** for both private and public hospitals in the province is at 2,532, but the **Actual Hospital Bed to Population Ratio** is at 1,241:1. This is way beyond the DOH Standard Bed to Population Ratio of 800:1.

Thus this representation has determined that for R1MC to continue effectively attending to the medical needs of the province, its bed capacity must be increased from 600 to 1,500 beds. This will ensure that our people will continue to receive globally competitive and accessible healthcare and ease the burdens to the province's healthcare system overall. Finally, these beneficial effects will ultimately redound to the strength of the country's healthcare system.

R1MC has remained a robust medical institution since 1925 and historically speaking this robustness was, in no small part, maintained by the consistent upgrading of its medical facilities throughout the years. Empirical data shows us that such upgrades are due once again.

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

Rep. Ramon N. Guico Jr.

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AN ACT

**INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE REGION 1 MEDICAL CENTER (R1MC) FROM SIX HUNDRED (600) TO ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (1,500) BEDS, UPGRADING THE SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTHCARE THEREIN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1       **SECTION 1.** The authorized bed capacity of the Region 1 Medical Center (R1MC) in the  
2 province of Pangasinan is increased from six hundred (600) to one thousand five hundred (1500).

3       **SEC. 2.** Existing service facilities and professional health care services are also hereby  
4 upgraded in accordance with and consistent to the bed capacity increase as provided under Section  
5 1 of this Act.

6       **SEC. 3.** The workforce of the R1MC shall also increase correspondingly. The Department  
7 of Health (DOH), in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the  
8 Civil Service Commission (CSC), shall determine the additional plantilla positions to be created  
9 upon prior consultation with R1MC.

10       **SEC. 4.** The increase in bed capacity of the R1MC from six hundred (600) to one thousand  
11 five hundred (1500) beds shall be implemented within a period of (3) years from the approval of  
12 this Act.

13       **SEC. 5.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the  
14 General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

15       **SEC. 6.** If any provision, section or part of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or  
16 invalid, such judgment shall not affect, invalidate or impair any other provisions, sections or parts  
17 thereof.

18       **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect immediately fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
19 Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*