

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
Second Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 9991



Introduced by **HON. ISIDRO T. UNGAB**

AN ACT

**INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES MEDICAL CENTER,
DAVAO CITY FROM ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (1,500) TO TWO THOUSAND (2,000)
BEDS, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES,
AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Given what we went through during the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic, it becomes all the more imperative for the State to prioritize what is provided under Article XIII Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution, that is, *"the State shall 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"*.

Thus, this bill seeks to increase and upgrade the bed capacity of the Southern Philippines Medical Center (SPMC) in Davao City from one thousand five hundred (1,500) to two thousand (2,00) beds, to upgrade its professional health services and facilities, and to authorize the increase of its medical personnel. All these are directed to accommodate the growing demands of the vulnerable and sick patients in Davao City, and for the government to adequately provide for their healthcare needs and requirements.

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

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

Section 1. The authorized bed capacity of the Southern Philippines Medical Center (SPMC) is hereby increased from one thousand five hundred (1,500) to two thousand (2,000) beds.

Section 2. The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services of the Southern Philippines Medical Center are also hereby upgraded and increased to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity.

Section 3. Upon prior consultation with the SPMC, the Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management, The Civil Service Commission shall determine the additional *plantilla* positions to be created pursuant to this Act that.

Section 4. The increase in bed capacity of the Southern Philippines Medical Center from one thousand five hundred (1,500) to two thousand (2,000) beds shall be implemented for a period of not more than two (2) years from the approval of this Act.

Section 5. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 6. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 1859 as amended, is hereby further amended accordingly. All other laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or part thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.