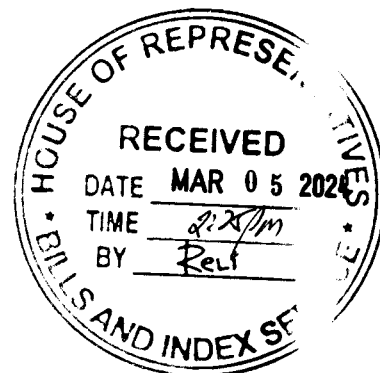


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HOUSE BILL NO. 10041

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The right to health is guaranteed for every Filipino.

No less than the Constitution mandates that “The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people”. (*Section 15, Article II, 1987 Constitution*).

As such, the Constitution enjoins the State to “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. There shall be priority for the needs of the under-privileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.” (*Section 12, Article XIII, 1987 Constitution*).

The Southern Isabela Medical Center (SIMC) is a tertiary general hospital located in Santiago City in the Province of Isabela. At present, it operates as a 350-bed capacity hospital and is deemed as the end referral institution of all lower level healthcare facilities in the province of Isabela and the adjacent provinces of Quirino, Nueva Vizcaya, Ifugao and Mountain Province. SIMC also offers accredited Medical Residency Training Programs.¹

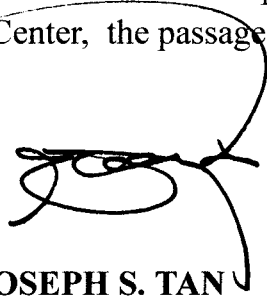
¹ <https://simc.doh.gov.ph/index.php/transparency-seal/mnuabout-us#history>

In September 2018, Republic Act No. 11082 upgraded the then Southern Isabela General Hospital into the present day Southern Isabela Medical Center. With the passage of RA No. 11082, SIMC's bed capacity was increased to 350 to cater to more patients.

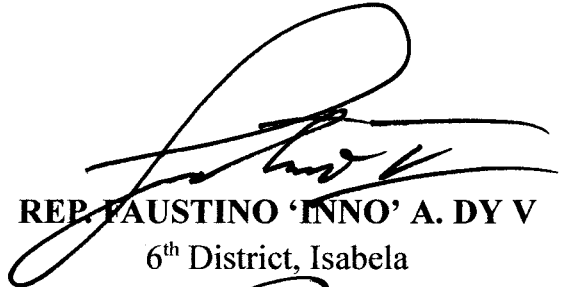
Five years after the passage of the law, SIMC's bed capacity can no longer adequately accommodate the influx of patients from Isabela and the nearby provinces.

Clearly, there is an urgent need to strengthen SIMC's capacity to serve the public. This objective can be achieved by increasing the hospital's authorized bed capacity from 350 to 700 and including the hospital's funding requirements in the General Appropriations Act.

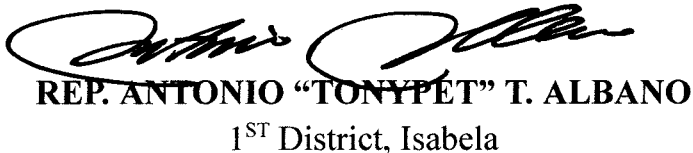
As such, for the continued provision of quality health care by the Southern Isabela Medical Center, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



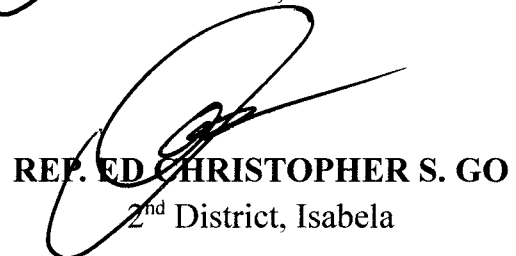
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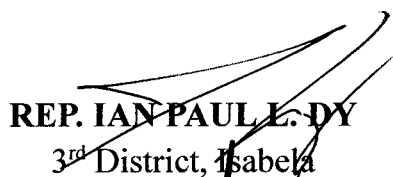
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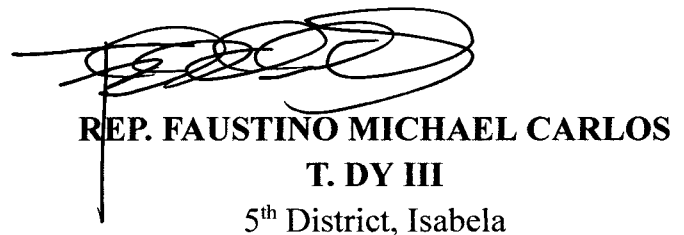
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AN ACT
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF SOUTHERN ISABELA MEDICAL CENTER IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA FROM THREE HUNDRED FIFTY BEDS TO SEVEN HUNDRED BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The authorized bed capacity of the Southern Isabela Medical Center in the province of Isabela is hereby increased from three hundred fifty (350) to seven hundred (700) beds with concomitant manpower compliment.

SECTION 2. The increase in the bed capacity of the Southern Isabela Medical Center from three hundred fifty (350) to seven hundred (700) beds shall be implemented for a period not more than three years from the approval of this Act.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department’s program the implementation of the increase in the bed capacity of the Southern Isabela Medical Center, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations

Act.

SECTION 4. Appropriations. - The fund requirement necessary for the implementation of this Act and the initial operation and maintenance shall be charged against the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within ninety days (90) after the effectivity of this Act, the DOH and the Department of Budget and Management shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

SECTION 6. If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,