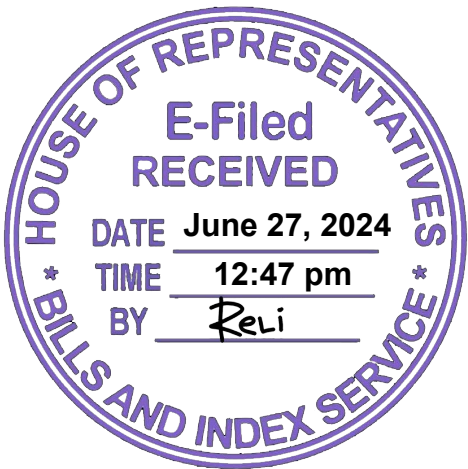




8 **House Bill No. 10564**
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11 **Introduced by Hon. EDUARDO "BRO. EDDIE" C. VILLANUEVA**
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13 **EXPLANATORY NOTE**
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15 In the interest of improving the efficiency and responsiveness of our
16 healthcare system, this bill, titled "An Act Streamlining the Process for
17 Approving Changes in the Authorized Bed Capacities of Department of
18 Health Hospitals," seeks to simplify and expedite the process for adjusting
19 the authorized bed capacities of Department of Health (DOH) hospitals.

20 Currently, the existing procedures for modifying bed capacities are
21 lengthy and complex, leading to delays that adversely affect patient care
22 and hospital operations. By streamlining these procedures, the bill aims to
23 enable hospitals to promptly adjust their bed capacities in response to
24 varying patient loads and emergencies, thus reducing overcrowding and
25 enhancing the quality of care provided.

26 The bill grants the DOH the authority to adjust and approve the
27 authorized bed capacities of all DOH hospitals through administrative
28 orders, with specific guidelines to be issued within three (3) months of the
29 bill's enactment. This measure ensures that bed capacity adjustments are
30 both timely and regulated, maintaining transparency and accountability.

31 This proposal represents a crucial step towards a more dynamic and
32 effective healthcare system, allowing for quicker and more adaptable
33 responses to healthcare demands.

34 In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.
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12 **AN ACT**
13 **AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) TO SET AND APPROVE**
14 **THE BED CAPACITY OF ALL DOH HOSPITALS**
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16 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
17 *Congress assembled:*
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19 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the "DOH Hospital Bed Capacity
20 Rationalization Act."
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22 **SEC. 2.** This Act shall streamline the process for approving changes in the
23 authorized bed capacities of all Department of Health (DOH) hospitals.
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25 **SEC. 3.** Authority is hereby granted to the DOH to adjust and approve the
26 authorized bed capacities of all DOH hospitals. Thereafter, the DOH shall, through
27 an administrative order, determine the bed capacities of DOH government
28 hospitals, subject to specific guidelines that shall be issued and promulgated,
29 within three (3) months after the enactment of this Act.
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31 **SEC. 4.** The DOH shall provide Congress, through the Committee on Health
32 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health and Demography
33 of the Senate, an annual report of hospitals with approved bed capacity, along
34 with the necessary funding requirements.
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36 **SEC. 5.** The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department's programs
37 the funding requirements for the increase in bed capacity of each of the hospital
38 in accordance with the Philippine Hospital Development Plan and the
39 Modernization/Development Plan of each hospital, the funding of which shall be
40 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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42 **SEC. 6.** The DOH shall formulate the rules and regulations to implement
43 this Act within ninety (90) days of its effectivity.
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45 **SEC. 7.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts
46 thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or
47 modified accordingly.
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49 **SEC. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
50 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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52 *Approved,*