

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City, Metro Manila



TWENTIETH CONGRESS  
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 169

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Introduced by Hon. Kenneth T. Gatchalian

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill proposes to rename the Valenzuela Medical Center, situated in Karuhatan, Valenzuela City, as the Antonio M. Serapio Medical Center, while also increasing its authorized bed capacity from five hundred (500) to eight hundred (800) beds. A similar measure seeking to rename the Valenzuela Medical Center was filed in the 19th Congress by Representatives Wilfrido Mark Enverga and Eric Martinez.

Originally established in 1979 as the Valenzuela Emergency Hospital, the institution began as a 25-bed secondary hospital in Polo, Valenzuela. In 1992, it was upgraded to a 100-bed secondary facility and renamed the Valenzuela General Hospital. In 1999, through the efforts of then-Congressman Antonio M. Serapio, the hospital was relocated to its present site in Karuhatan, Valenzuela City. It received its license as a Level IV tertiary hospital from the Department of Health in 2005 and was subsequently upgraded to a 200-bed tertiary teaching and training hospital through Republic Act No. 9421. Further expansion was enacted under Republic Act No. 11327, increasing its bed capacity to 500.

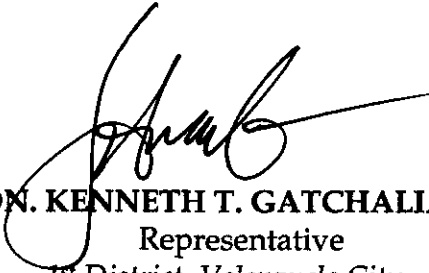
Today, the need for further expansion has become more urgent. Valenzuela City has been identified as the fastest-growing highly urbanized city in the National Capital Region, with its population rising from 620,422 in 2015 to 714,978 in 2020, reflecting an annualized growth rate of 3.03%<sup>1</sup>. With the city's rapidly growing population and the increasing demand for accessible, quality healthcare services, it is high time to expand the hospital's capacity and capability to adequately serve its constituents.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://psa.gov.ph/statistics/population-and-housing/node/165009>

This measure not only ensures the hospital can address the present and future health needs of Valenzuelanos but also formally honors the legacy of Congressman Antonio M. Serapio – a statesman whose enduring contributions laid the foundation for the institution’s growth.

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



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AN ACT  
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF VALENZUELA MEDICAL CENTER  
FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) TO EIGHT HUNDRED (800) BEDS, TO BE  
NOW KNOWN AS ANTONIO M. SERAPIO MEDICAL CENTER, 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 Valenzuela Medical Center  
2           in the City of Valenzuela, Metro Manila, is hereby increased from five hundred  
3           (500) to eight hundred (800) bed capacity and shall be now known as the Antonio  
4           M. Serapio Medical Center.

5           **SEC. 2.** The existing service facilities and professional health care services  
6           of the Antonio M. Serapio Medical Center are hereby upgraded to conform with and  
7           be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as provided in Section 1 hereof.

8           **SEC. 3.** All personnel, records, assets and properties, including buildings,  
9           sites, and improvements thereof, obligations, funds and appropriations of the  
10          Valenzuela Medical Center are hereby transferred to the Antonio M. Serapio  
11          Medical Center.

1           **SEC. 4. *Appropriations Clause.*** – The Secretary of Health shall  
2 immediately include in the Department's programs the implementation of this Act,  
3 the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

4           **SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision or part of this Act is held  
5 invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall  
6 remain in full force and effect.

7           **SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.*** – Republic Act No. 9421 and Republic Act No.  
8 11327 are hereby repealed. All other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,  
9 and administrative rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent  
10 with the provisions of this Act are likewise repealed, amended, or modified  
11 accordingly.

12           **SEC. 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the  
13 Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

14           *Approved,*