

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 798



Introduced by: **REP. TOBIAS "TOBY" M. TIANGCO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that, "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them." To achieve this objective, this bill seeks to change the name of Tondo Medical Center (TMC) to the Northern Metro Manila Medical Center and increase its authorized bed capacity from three hundred (300) to five hundred (500) beds.

The rationale for the change of name is to distinguish the TMC from the Ospital ng Tondo which is operated by the City Government of Manila. This will go away from the perception that TMC only caters to people from Tondo when in fact it also provides health services to patients from the northern portion of Metro Manila like the residents from the cities of Navotas, Malabon, Caloocan and Valenzuela.

Tondo Medical Center has been identified an apex hospital by the Department of Health, handling complex medical cases and acting as referral center for nearby cities. This is evidenced by the high number of referrals (1,184) for tertiary care received in 2023, primarily from Malabon, Caloocan, and Navotas. The hospital also offers specialized care through its four (4) Specialty Centers: Geriatric Care, Trauma Care (including Burn Care), Dermatology & Venereology, and Basic Burn Care.

The increasing demand for Tondo Medical Center's services is evident in the significant rise in both emergency room admissions (12% increase) and Out-patient Department (OPD) consultations (41% increase) in 2023. This surge has resulted in a high bed occupancy rate (109%).

Tondo Medical Center's outstanding performance calls for an expansion of its capacity to keep pace with the people's demands.

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

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AN ACT
CHANGING THE NAME OF TONDO MEDICAL CENTER TO THE NORTHERN
METRO MANILA MEDICAL CENTER, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM
THREE HUNDRED (300) TO FIVE HUNDRED (500), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The name of Tondo Medical Center is hereby changed to the
2 **NORTHERN METRO MANILA MEDICAL CENTER.**

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4 **SEC. 2.** The authorized bed capacity of the Northern Metro Manila Medical Center
5 is hereby increased from three hundred (300) to five hundred (500) beds.

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7 **SEC. 3. Appropriations.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this
8 Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment
9 into law and thereafter.

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11 **SEC. 4. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and
12 regulations, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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14 **SEC. 5. Effectivity.** – This shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
15 the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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17 *Approved,*
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