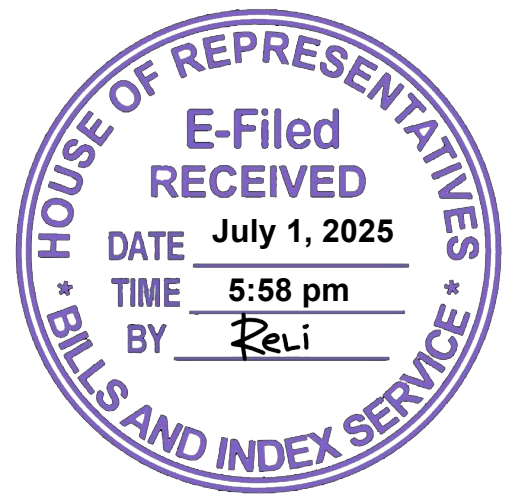




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HOUSE BILL NO. **993**



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Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE ALYSSA MICHAELA "MICA" M. GONZALES

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**AN ACT**

**UPGRADING THE JOSE B. LINGAD MEMORIAL GENERAL HOSPITAL (JBLMGH) INTO A MEDICAL CENTER, TO BE KNOWN AS JOSE B. LINGAD MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER (JBLMMC), INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM ONE THOUSAND (1000) BEDS TO ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (1500) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL WORKFORCE COMPLEMENT, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11359, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to upgrade the Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital (JBLMGH) into a Medical Center, to be known as Jose B. Lingad Memorial Medical Center (JBLMMC), increasing its bed capacity from one thousand (1000) beds to one thousand five hundred (1500) beds to address the growing healthcare needs of Central Luzon and nearby provinces.

Central Luzon remains one of the most densely populated regions in the country. With the rapid urbanization and in-migration in provinces such as Pampanga, the demand for public healthcare services continues to rise. JBLMGH, as a Department of Health-retained, tertiary-level, and regional referral hospital, serves not only the people of Pampanga but also patients from Tarlac, Bataan, Bulacan, Zambales, Nueva Ecija, and Aurora.

The current 1,000-bed capacity is no longer sufficient to accommodate the increasing number of patients, resulting in overcrowding, prolonged waiting times, and compromised delivery of health services. This expansion will enable JBLMGH to meet the demands of its growing patient base while maintaining quality care and improving access to specialized medical services.

Moreover, JBLMGH currently has fourteen (14) accredited Residency Training Programs and seven (7) sub-specialty Fellowship Programs that serves as a training ground for healthcare professionals. JBLMGH also established two (2) Bagong Urgent Care and Ambulatory Services which is a foundational step toward achieving an inclusive and equitable health system for all Filipinos. As such, elevating JBLMGH to a Medical Center is warranted due to its highly specialized services which is integral to the implementation of the Universal Health Care (UHC) Law.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage 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 Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga is hereby upgraded into a Medical Center to be known as the Jose B. Lingad Memorial Medical Center (JBLMMC), which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health.

**SECTION 2.** The authorized bed capacity of JBLMMC is hereby upgraded from one thousand (1000) beds to one thousand five hundred (1500) beds.

**SECTION 3.** The existing service facilities and professional health care services of the JBLMMC are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the bed capacity increase as provided for in Section 1.

**SECTION 4.** The existing workforce of the JBLMMC shall also be correspondingly increased. The Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission, shall determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up upon prior consultation with the JBLMMC.

**SECTION 5.** The increase in bed capacity of the JBLMMC from one thousand (1000) to one thousand five hundred (1500) shall be implemented for a period of not more than four (4) years from the approval of this Act.

**SECTION 6.** 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 7.** Republic Act No. 11359 is hereby repealed. 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 complete publication in the Official Gazette and in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

