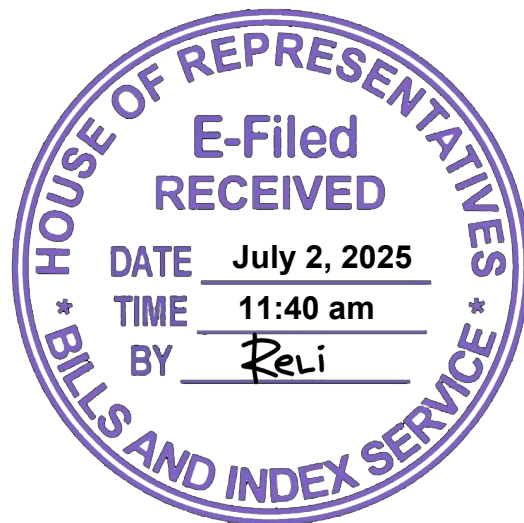




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HOUSE BILL No. 1097



Introduced by HONORABLE ERNESTO “ERNIX” M. DIONISIO, JR.

AN ACT
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE JOSE REYES MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER IN THE CITY OF MANILA FROM FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY (450) TO ONE THOUSAND (1,000) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Jose R. Reyes Memorial Medical Center (“JRRMC”), located in the City of Manila, has a current authorized bed capacity of four hundred fifty (450), as established under Republic Act No. 4264. Part of its mission is to serve the population in the northern part of Metro Manila, particularly the areas of Caloocan, Malabon, Navotas, and Valenzuela. According to the 2020 Census of Population and Housing of the Philippine Statistics Authority, the said cities, together with the City of Manila, is found to be with a total population size of 4,851,140 individuals; Clearly, JRRMC is surrounded by some of the most densely populated cities in the Metro.

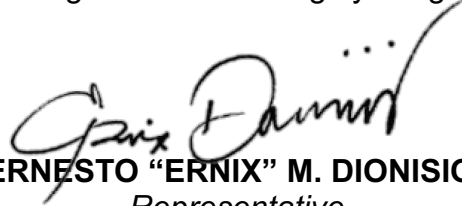
With the objective of being able to accommodate the less fortunate sectors of society, who have been deprived of quality medical service, the increase in bed capacity from four hundred fifty (450) beds to one thousand (1,000) beds will ensure compliance with health facility calls, and ultimately prevent patients in the City of Manila from being accommodated in hallways, waiting areas, and other spaces which are not intended for patient safety and healthcare. In fact, JRRMC’s hospital statistics indicate a 120.34% bed occupancy rate in the year 2024, showing that the demand for quality services continues to rise.

With the foregoing in mind, this bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of JRRMC from its current four hundred fifty (450) beds to one thousand (1,000) beds, as a

necessary expansion to alleviate the plight of those who are part of the most vulnerable sectors of Philippine society.

By increasing JRRMC's bed capacity, this piece of legislation aims to improve the quality and efficiency of healthcare services and enhance JRRMC's capability to respond to medical emergencies and public health concerns or crises.

It is for the foregoing premises that the passage of this bill is highly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ernix M. Dionisio, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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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 Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center (JRRMMC) located in the City of Manila, is hereby increased from four hundred fifty (450) beds to one thousand (1,000) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan that shall be prepared by the Medical Center Chief of the JRRMMC and approved by the Department of Health (DOH).

SECTION 2. The existing professional and health care services and facilities of the JRRMMC are hereby upgraded to conform with, and be commensurate to, the increase in bed capacity.

SECTION 3. The existing workforce of the JRRMMC, which includes doctors, nurses, and support personnel, shall be increased correspondingly.

SECTION 4. The Medical Center Chief of the JRRMMC shall, subject to the approval of DOH, and in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management, and the Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission, determine the additional new positions to be created.

SECTION 5. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 6. The DOH shall include in the Department's subsidy program, support for the capital outlay requirements of the JRRMMC.

SECTION 7. If any part or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. All laws, executive orders, issuances, and rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,