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House Bill No. 2069



Introduced by REP. JESUS MANUEL “BONG” C. SUNTAY

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Public hospitals such as the East Avenue Medical Center (EAMC) continue to experience overwhelming patient load, especially in Metro Manila where the demand for quality, affordable, and accessible healthcare services remains critically high.

In 2021, Republic Act No. 11561 increased the authorized bed capacity of EAMC from 600 to 1,000 beds. This was a significant milestone. However, with the continued population growth, evolving public health needs, and EAMC’s designation as a key DOH tertiary referral hospital, further increasing its bed capacity to 1,500 has become not just necessary—but urgent.

This proposal is aligned with the Department of Health’s Philippine Health Facility Development Plan (PHFDP) 2020–2040, which envisions a responsive health system that ensures no Filipino is left behind due to lack of hospital access.

Increasing EAMC’s capacity will allow the hospital to address overcrowding, reduce patient wait times, expand specialized units such as intensive care, dialysis, and cancer care, and sustain its role as a flagship institution for public sector healthcare delivery. In this regard, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

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13 **AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE EAST AVENUE**
14 **MEDICAL CENTER IN BARANGAY DILIMAN, QUEZON CITY FROM ONE**
15 **THOUSAND (1,000) TO ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (1,500) BEDS,**
16 **AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**
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18 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress
19 assembled:
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21 **Section 1.** The authorized bed capacity of the East Avenue Medical Center (EAMC) in
22 Barangay Diliman, Quezon City is hereby increased from one thousand (1,000) to one
23 thousand five hundred (1,500) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be
24 consistent with the hospital development plan to be prepared by the Medical Center
25 Chief of EAMC to reflect the development goals of the hospital and submitted to the
26 Department of Health (DOH).
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28 **Section 2.** The existing professional health care services and facilities of the EAMC are
29 also hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed
30 capacity provided for in Section 1 hereof.
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32 **Section 3.** The existing workforce of the EAMC, which includes doctors, nurses, allied
33 health professionals, and support personnel, shall also be increased correspondingly.
34 The Secretary of the DOH shall, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of
35 Budget and Management (DBM) and the Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission
36 (CSC), and after consultation with the Medical Center Chief of EAMC, determine the
37 additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up.
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39 **Section 4.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the DOH’s program
40 the implementation of this Act. The necessary funding for the increase in bed capacity,
41 facilities, and personnel shall be included in the General Appropriations Act (GAA).
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43 **Section 5.** If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other
44 provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.
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1 **Section 6.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules, regulations, or parts thereof that
2 are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or
3 modified accordingly.

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5 **Section 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
6 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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8 Approved,