



House Bill No. 2408

Introduced by Representative ROMMEL RICO T. ANGARA

AN ACT
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE AURORA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
FROM SIXTY-SIX BEDS (66) TO ONE HUNDRED BEDS (100) AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Considering the high costs of getting private medical care, thousands of Filipinos, especially in the provinces, seek medical care and assistance from government hospitals. Despite limited resources, the government hospitals strive to provide quality healthcare services to the people depending on them.

Prior to the pandemic situation, Aurora Memorial Hospital (AMH) has been catering to the medical needs of the people of Aurora and since then, its capacity to provide healthcare services has been constrained by its limited resources. It is an ongoing and continuing challenge for AMH to provide every patient the needed medical service and care.

Due to the emergence of the Covid-19 Delta and Omicron variant, an increased number of people continuously test positive of the virus. This has further contributed to the existing challenge of meeting the bed capacity for patients which have to be admitted in government hospitals for them to receive the appropriate medical assistance.

AMH operates on a very limited bed capacity. Currently, it has only sixty-six (66) public beds. This proves to be a struggle not only for patients but also for the health care workers in the said hospital who tirelessly devote their time and profession to serve our less fortunate *kababayans*.

With the passage of this bill, the burden of the administration of AMH, its health workers and staff will be diminished. In addition, this will somehow resolve the endless struggle of many of the people of the Province of Aurora in accessing quality and affordable health care services. An expansion and improvement of the hospital facilities of AMH is most urgently needed.

Given the abovementioned circumstances, approval 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 authorized bed capacity of the Aurora Memorial Hospital (AMH) is hereby increased from sixty six (66) to one hundred (100).

SEC. 2. The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services of the AMH, shall be correspondingly upgraded to include the increase in the number of its medical personnel.

SEC. 3. The increase in the bed capacity of the AMH from sixty six (66) to one hundred (100) beds shall be implemented within the period of six (6) months to one (1) year from the approval of this Act.

SEC. 4. The Department of Health, through its approved annual budget, shall initially provide the necessary funding to support the increase in bed capacity of the AMH. The entire budgetary requirements of AMH for its operation and the upgrading of its facilities and services shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA) the following year of its enactment.

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

Approved.