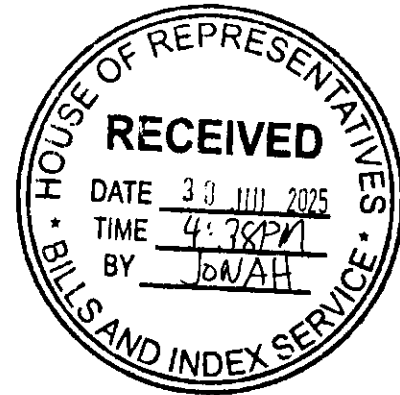


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HOUSE BILL NO. 2701



Introduced by **Rep. FERDINAND ALEXANDER A. MARCOS**
1st District, Ilocos Norte

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution mandates the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and to instill health consciousness among them. In line with this duty, the government must continuously strengthen public health institutions by expanding their capacity, upgrading their facilities, and ensuring adequate staffing to meet the growing medical needs of the population.

The Laoag City General Hospital has served as a vital health care provider for the residents of Laoag City and neighboring municipalities in Ilocos Norte. However, with its current authorized bed capacity limited to fifty (50) beds, the hospital struggles to meet the rising volume of patients. This limitation compromises the timely and efficient delivery of essential health services.

This bill increases the hospital's authorized bed capacity from fifty (50) to one hundred (100) beds. It also directs the upgrading of hospital facilities, enhancement of medical services, and expansion of the hospital's medical and non-medical personnel. The Department of Health (DOH), in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Civil Service Commission (CSC), will determine and implement the necessary adjustments to ensure that the hospital can operate at its expanded capacity.

By passing this measure, Congress will enable the Laoag City General Hospital to serve more patients, reduce congestion, and improve the quality of public health care in the region. It will also reaffirm the State's commitment to accessible, efficient, and equitable health services for all.

In view of the foregoing considerations, the favorable approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
UPGRADING THE LAOAG CITY GENERAL HOSPITAL IN
LAOAG CITY, ILOCOS NORTE INTO A LEVEL II GENERAL
HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS LAOAG CITY MEDICAL
CENTER, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY, UPGRADING ITS
PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES,
AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL
PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. The Laoag City General Hospital in Laoag City, Ilocos Norte, is hereby upgraded into a Level II General Hospital to be known as the Laoag City Medical Center (LCMC), under the direct supervision and control of the Department of Health (DOH).

The authorized bed capacity of the medical center is hereby increased from fifty (50) to one hundred (100) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the Medical Center Chief of the LCMC and submitted to the DOH to reflect the development goals of the hospital.

Section 2. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the LCMC are also hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as provided for in Section 1 hereof, consistent with the hospital development plan.

Section 3. The existing workforce of the LCMC, including doctors, nurses, and support personnel shall be correspondingly increased to

conform with Section 1 of this Act, consistent with the hospital development plan.

The DOH, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and in consultation with the management of the LCMC, shall determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up.

Section 4. The Secretary of THE DOH shall immediately include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 5. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOH shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations (IRR), upon consultation with the Provincial Government of Surigao del Norte and other stakeholders. The IRR shall be implemented consistent with the hospital development plan.

Section 6. If any provisions or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. All other laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,