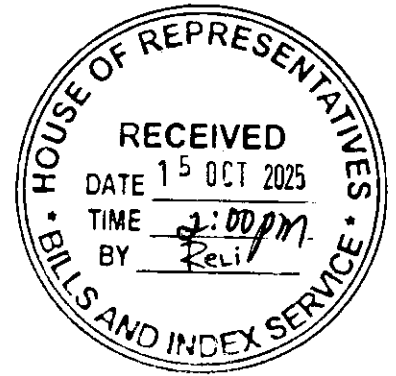


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HOUSE BILL NO. 5573



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DEL SUR, FROM ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (1,500) TO TWO
THOUSAND (2,000) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Given what we went through during the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic, it becomes all the more imperative for the State to prioritize what is provided under Article XIII Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution, that is, *"the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development, which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other services available to all people at affordable cost."*

Thus, this bill seeks to increase and upgrade the bed capacity of the Southern Philippines Medical Center (SPMC) in Davao City from one thousand five hundred (1,500) to two thousand (2,000) beds, to upgrade its professional health services and facilities, and to authorize the increase of its medical personnel. All these are directed to accommodate the growing demands of the vulnerable and sick patients in Davao City, and for the government to adequately provide for their health care needs and requirement.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

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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 Southern Philippines Medical Center (SPMC) in the City of Davao, Province of Davao del Sur, shall be increased from one thousand five hundred (1,500) to two thousand (2,000) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan that shall be prepared by the Department of Health.

SEC. 2. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the SPMC are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as provided for in Section 1 hereof.

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

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Health shall, after consultation with the Chief of Hospital of the SPMC, 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.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in its Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

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

SEC. 7. All laws, executive orders, issuances and rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation

Approved,