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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City**

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House Bill No. 6207



**Introduced by
REPRESENTATIVE MIKAELA ANGELA B. SUANSING**

**AN ACT
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE TALAVERA GENERAL HOSPITAL
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TALAVERA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA FROM
ONE HUNDRED (100) TO TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

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. Pursuant to this duty, it is essential to ensure that public hospitals are adequately equipped and staffed to meet the increasing healthcare needs of the population.

Talavera General Hospital, a Department of Health (DOH)-retained Level II hospital, currently operates with an authorized bed capacity of one hundred (100). The hospital provides quality service to the community of the Municipality of Talavera and its neighboring towns. Over the years, however, the demand for its medical services has significantly increased, owing to the steady growth of the population in the municipality and nearby localities, as well as the vital role of the hospital in delivering secondary healthcare services to indigent and marginalized patients.

The limited number of authorized beds has resulted in congestion, straining the hospital's ability to provide timely and adequate care to patients. This situation not only affects the quality of health services but also compromises patient safety and overall health outcomes.

The proposed measure seeks to increase the authorized bed capacity of Talavera General Hospital from one hundred (100) to two hundred (200) beds. The additional beds are envisioned to support the establishment of a dedicated Women and Child Care section, which will strengthen the hospital's capacity to deliver specialized maternal and pediatric services to the growing number of women and children requiring medical attention. This expansion will enable the hospital to respond more effectively to the healthcare requirements of the population it serves, reduce congestion, and enhance access to quality medical care.

Furthermore, this measure complements the continuing efforts of the Department of Health to upgrade public hospitals and strengthen the health system of the country.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill 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 Talavera General Hospital in the Municipality of Talavera, Province of Nueva Ecija, is hereby increased from one hundred (100) to two hundred (200) beds.

SEC. 2. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the Talavera General Hospital shall also be 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 Talavera General Hospital, 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 Talavera General Hospital, 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 the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 6. If any provision 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,