



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. **6372**

Introduced by Representative John Geesnell "Baba" Yap

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of the Governor Celestino Gallares Memorial Medical Center (GCGMMC) in Tagbilaran City, Province of Bohol, from five hundred twenty-five (525) beds to one thousand beds (1,000), and appropriating funds therefor.

Article XIII, Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution states that *"the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health, and other social services available to all people at affordable cost."*

The Governor Celestino Gallares Memorial Medical Center commenced operations in 1929 as the Bohol Provincial Hospital, initially with an eight-bed capacity. In response to the rising patient population in Tagbilaran City and adjacent municipalities, the hospital's bed capacity was expanded to 150 in 1980 and subsequently to 200 in 1992. Republic Act No. (RA) 7266 further expanded the bed capacity to 225, which was subsequently raised to 525 under RA 11324 in 2019.

In 2022, pursuant to RA 11883, the same hospital in Tagbilaran City was reconstituted as the Governor Celestino Gallares Memorial Medical Center and integrated into the Governor Celestino Gallares Multi-Specialty Medical Complex, together with the Governor Celestino Gallares Multi-Specialty Medical Center in the Municipality of Cortes, also in Bohol.

The proposal to augment the bed capacity of GCGMMC will significantly expand the hospital's potential to deliver excellent, efficient, and affordable healthcare services to the public, as well as enhance its responsiveness to medical crises and public health issues.

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


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AN ACT
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE GOVERNOR CELESTINO
GALLARES MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER IN TAGBILARAN CITY,
PROVINCE OF BOHOL, FROM FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE BEDS
TO ONE THOUSAND BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The bed capacity of the Governor Celestino Gallares Memorial Medical Center (GCGMMC) in Tagbilaran City, Province of Bohol, is hereby increased from five hundred twenty-five (525) beds to one thousand (1,000) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity must align with the hospital development plan of the Department of Health (DOH).

SEC. 2. The existing service facilities and professional healthcare service of the GCGMMC shall be upgraded to conform to the increase in the bed capacity as provided in Section 1 of this Act. The GCGMMC shall submit to the DOH its

proposed development plan and additional requirements to meet the increased bed capacity.

SEC. 3. The existing workforce of the GCGMMC, including doctors, nurses, and other support personnel, shall be increased proportionally to support the increased bed capacity. The Secretary of Health shall, after consultation with the Chief of Hospital of the GCGMMC and in coordination with the Secretary of Budget and Management, determine the new positions to be created, subject to existing civil service rules and regulations.

SEC. 4. 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. 5. If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force or effect.

SEC. 6. All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,