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HOUSE BILL NO. 7973



Introduced by: Hon. Keith Micah "Atty. Mike" D.L. Tan

AN ACT

INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE JOSE R. REYES MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER (JRRMMC) IN BARANGAY SANTA CRUZ, MANILA CITY FROM FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY (450) TO ONE THOUSAND (1,000) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center (JRRMMC) is a Level 3 national government teaching and training hospital under the Department of Health (DOH), located at the San Lazaro Compound in Sta. Cruz, Manila. PHIC-accredited and ISO 9001:2015-certified, it carries an authorized bed capacity (ABC) of 450 beds, though its implementing bed capacity (IBC) has already surpassed this, reaching 552 beds in 2025 and later 642 beds due to operational adjustments driven by increasing patient demand. The hospital is mandated to serve the CAMANAVA area (Caloocan, Malabon, Navotas, and Valenzuela), Manila, and the CALABARZON region, functioning as an apex and end-referral hospital within the regional health system.

The demographic landscape strongly supports the need for expansion. JRRMMC's catchment population spans the National Capital Region (NCR) and CALABARZON, collectively exceeding 30 million people. NCR alone is projected to grow from 13.86 million in 2025 to 14.49 million by 2035, while CALABARZON, the country's most populous region, is projected to reach 19.07 million by 2035. Northern Metro Manila cities alone account for approximately 4.97 million residents. These sustained population growth projections underscore the escalating demand for accessible, affordable, and quality tertiary healthcare services within the hospital's catchment area.

Hospital utilization data from 2019 to 2025 paint a stark picture of overcapacity and service pressure. The bed occupancy rate (BOR) surged from 122.83% in 2019 to 146.30% in 2025, far exceeding the ideal 85 to 90% benchmark for tertiary hospitals. Inpatient bed days reached 240,305, outpatient visits climbed to 320,840, and emergency room visits hit 47,659 in 2025. Specialty center data further reflect rapid growth: geriatric cases rose from 6,255 in 2021 to 30,716 in 2025, while trauma cases increased from 5,814 to 28,450 in the same period. Advanced Comprehensive Centers

for Cancer and Eye care, as well as Basic Comprehensive Centers for Burn, Orthopedic, Neonatal, and ENT-HNS services, all recorded consistent utilization growth across subspecialties. Geographic distribution data for 2024 to 2025 confirm that while Manila and the CAMANAVA cities contribute the largest patient volumes (Manila accounting for 27 to 35%), significant patient inflows also originate from Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, and Quezon, affirming JRRMMC's role as a supra-regional referral center.

The continued expansion of JRRMMC and growing demand for services give rise to the urgent and further upgrade of its capacity. The increase of JRRMMC's authorized bed capacity to 1,000 will not only help address congestion, improve patient outcomes, and support public health goals, but will also solidify JRRMMC's role as a truly national institution in the delivery of specialized healthcare services.

It is for these reasons that approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Tan', is positioned above the printed name.

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

SECTION 1. *Increase in Bed Capacity.* – The authorized bed capacity of the Jose R. Reyes Memorial Medical Center (JRRMMC) in Manila City is hereby increased from four hundred fifty (450) to one thousand (1,000) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan to be prepared by the Medical Center Chief of JRRMMC to reflect the development goals of the hospital and submitted to the Department of Health (DOH).

SEC. 2. *Implementation.* – The Secretary of the DOH shall, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission (CSC), and after consultation with the Medical Center Chief of JRRMMC, determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filed up, and procurement of necessary equipment and supplies.

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

The existing workforce of the JRRMMC, which includes doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, and support personnel, shall also be increased correspondingly.

SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the JRRMMC. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All other laws, decrees, executive orders and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,