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HOUSE BILL NO. 9097



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE JENNIFER A. LAGBAS**

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 First Misamis Oriental General Hospital (FMOGH) in Medina serves as a vital government health care provider for the residents of Medina and neighboring municipalities in Eastern Misamis Oriental. However, with its classification and limited authorized bed capacity of twenty-eight (28) beds, the hospital struggles to meet the increasing demand for emergency, maternal, pediatric, surgical, and medical services. This limitation compromises the timely and efficient delivery of essential health services.

At present, Misamis Oriental has no Department of Health-run Level III General Hospital. Residents of the First District must travel considerable distances to Gingoog City or Cagayan de Oro City for higher-level care. FMOGH also receives patients from the boundary areas of CARAGA (Region XIII), where proximate government facilities are limited. These factors delay the timely delivery of life-saving treatment for emergency and critically ill patients.

This bill upgrades FMOGH to a Level III General Hospital and increases its authorized bed capacity from twenty-eight (28) to two hundred (200) beds. The measure likewise directs the improvement 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), shall determine and implement

necessary infrastructure, equipment, staffing, and operational requirements to enable FMOGH to effectively operate as a Level III General Hospital.

By passing this measure, Congress will enable the FMOGH to serve more patients, reduce congestion, provide specialized services closer to communities, and improve the overall quality of public health care in Misamis Oriental and adjacent areas of CARAGA. It will reaffirm the State's commitment to accessible, efficient, and equitable health services for all.

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



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AN ACT
UPGRADING THE FIRST MISAMIS ORIENTAL GENERAL HOSPITAL IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF MEDINA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, TO A LEVEL II
GENERAL HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY, AUTHORIZING THE
INCREASE OF ITS PERSONNEL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11565

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

SECTION 1. The First Misamis Oriental General Hospital (FMOGH) located in the Municipality of Medina, Province of Misamis Oriental, is hereby upgraded to a Level III General Hospital, and its authorized bed capacity is hereby increased to two hundred (200) beds under the direct supervision and control of the Department of Health (DOH).

SEC. 2. 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. 3. The existing professional health care services and facilities of FMOGH shall also be upgraded to conform with and be commensurate with its upgrading as a Level III hospital and the increase in bed capacity as provided for in Section 1 hereof.

SEC. 4. The existing workforce of FMOGH, which includes doctors, nurses, and support personnel, shall be increased correspondingly.

The Secretary of Health shall, after consultation with the Medical Center Chief of FMOGH, in coordination with the Secretary of Budget and Management and the Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission, determine the additional new positions to be created.

SEC. 5. 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. 6. 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.

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,