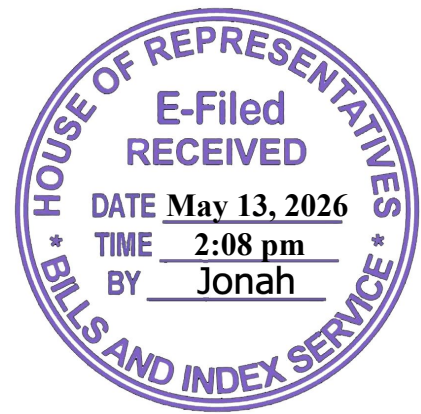


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HOUSE BILL NO. 9244



Introduced by **HON. JOSEPH "JOJO" L. LARA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the authorized bed capacity of the Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC) from one thousand (1,000) to one thousand five hundred (1,500) beds.

As a premier tertiary government hospital in Northern Luzon, the Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC) continues to experience a steady rise in patient admissions brought about by population growth, expanded healthcare coverage, and its vital role as a referral center for neighboring provinces.

Although Republic Act No. 11498 previously increased the hospital's authorized bed capacity to one thousand (1,000) beds, the current capacity remains insufficient to adequately address the growing healthcare demands of the population it serves. The persistent influx of patients has resulted in overcrowded hospital wards, hallway admissions, long queues for laboratory and diagnostic services, and increased strain on hospital resources, personnel, and infrastructure. This situation compromises the quality of care, patient safety, and overall operational efficiency of the hospital.

In response thereto, this measure proposes to further increase the authorized bed capacity of the CVMC to one thousand five hundred (1,500) beds. The proposed expansion aims to decongest overcrowded wards, improve patient accommodation, and enhance the delivery of timely and quality healthcare services. It will also strengthen the hospital's capacity to respond to emergencies, epidemics, and disasters, support the Universal Health Care program by expanding access to inpatient services, and promote better working conditions for healthcare personnel.

The proposed increase shall be accompanied by the necessary augmentation in staffing, medical equipment, and facility improvements, subject to appropriate planning, budgeting, and approval by the relevant government agencies.

This measure is necessary to ensure that CVMC remains capable of fulfilling its mandate as a leading government healthcare institution in the region and to address the growing healthcare needs of the population it serves.

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 CAGAYAN VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER (CVMC) IN TUGUEGARAO CITY, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN, FROM ONE THOUSAND (1,000) TO ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (1,500) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The bed capacity of the Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC) shall be increased from one thousand (1,000) to one thousand five hundred (1,500) beds.

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

SECTION 3. The existing workforce of the CVMC, which includes doctors, nurses, and support personnel, shall also be increased correspondingly. The Secretary of the DOH shall, after consultation with the Medical Center Chief of the CVMC, and in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management and the Commissioner of the Civil Service Commission, determine the additional new positions to be created and filled up.

SECTION 4. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the program of the DOH the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,