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HOUSE BILL NO. 9684



Introduced by **Representatives Jennifer A. Lagbas, Yevgeny Vincente B. Emano, Jose Manuel F. Alba, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Laarni Lavin Roque, Audrey Kay T. Zubiri, Imelda Quibranza Dimaporo, Sittie Aminah Q. Dimaporo, Celso G. Regencia, Maximo B. Rodriguez Jr., Jurdin Jesus M. Romualdo and Jason P. Almonte**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution states that it is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. Further, it is mandated 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 the people at affordable cost. More importantly, there shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children.

Northern Mindanao Medical Center (NMMC) is a 1,200-bed capacity government hospital. It has been in existence for more than 100 years and has achieved great accomplishments in terms of infrastructure projects, procurement of hospital facilities, training and development of medical officers and personnel. NMMC has been the main hospital in Cagayan de Oro City and even in the entire Region X. It has continuously provided quality health care not only to the people of Cagayan de Oro City but also to the entire region. In fact, it has been admitting patients beyond its bed capacity. Based on the hospital's Daily Census Report as of November 20, 2025, the hospital recorded 724 admitted patients despite having only 692 implementing beds, resulting in a bed utilization rate of 104.62%, which reflects persistent overcrowding beyond operational capacity. And as of today, the hospital is caring for between seven hundred sixty (760) and seven hundred eighty (780) patients at one time. More alarming is the Emergency Room census, which reached 117 patients despite an intended capacity of only 29 beds, equivalent to a critical utilization rate of 403.44%. Intensive Care Unit occupancy likewise stood at 92.55%, indicating sustained pressure on critical care services. In addition, the Outpatient Department accommodated 971 patients in a single day, highlighting the continuously increasing demand for healthcare services in Northern Mindanao and adjacent regions. Hence, to further enhance its capacity of promoting public health and to cater medical assistance to indigent patients, there is a need to increase its bed capacity from 1,200 to 3,000.

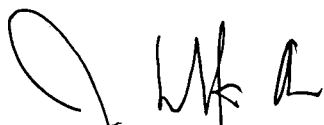
In view of the above, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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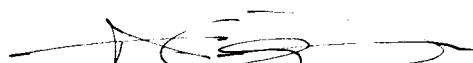
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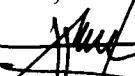
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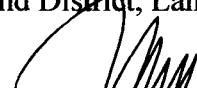
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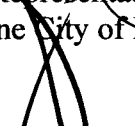
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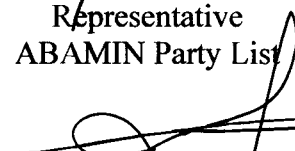
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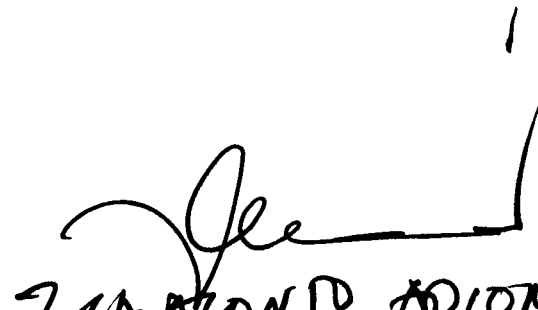
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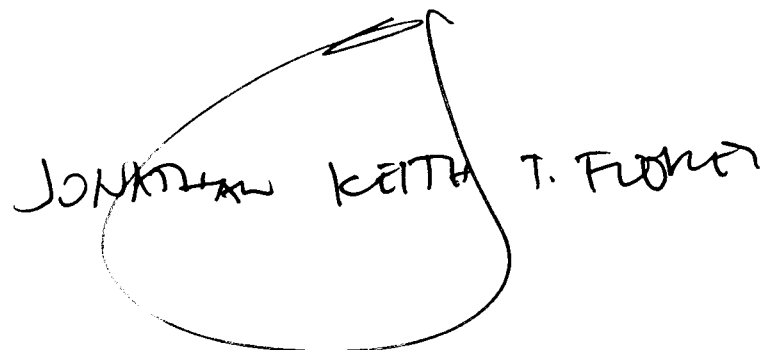
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AN ACT
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE NORTHERN MINDANAO MEDICAL CENTER IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7938, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10677, FURTHER AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11716, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7398, as amended by Republic Act No. 10677, further amended by Republic Act No. 11716, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“**SEC. 2.** The health care services and facilities of the Northern Mindanao Medical Center (NMMC) shall be upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the bed capacity increase from one thousand two hundred (1,200) to three thousand (3,000) beds.

“Any further increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the Department of Health (DOH).”

SEC. 2. Section 3 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

“**SEC. 3.** The number of medical personnel, the budget for personnel services and maintenance and other operating expenses of the NMMC shall correspondingly be increased. The Secretary of the DOH shall, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management and the Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission, and after consultation with the Chief of NMMC, determine the additional plantilla positions to be created pursuant to this Act.”

SEC. 3. Section 4 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

“**SEC. 4.** The increase in bed capacity of the NMMC from one thousand two hundred (1,200) to three thousand (3,000) beds shall be implemented immediately upon approval of this Act.”

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,