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House Bill No. **10650**



Introduced by: REP. ROSALIE "MOMMY ROSE" ANG SALVAME

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Culion Sanitarium and General Hospital (CSGH) located in Culion, Palawan, has long been a cornerstone of healthcare delivery in Northern Palawan and the Calamian Islands. Originally established as a leprosarium, it has since evolved into a general hospital under the Department of Health, providing essential medical services to a geographically isolated population.

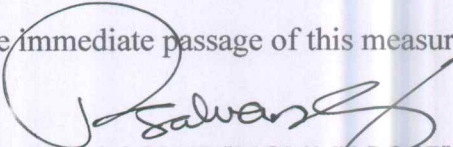
At present, CSGH has an authorized bed capacity of 200 beds, divided between general care and custodial care. However, with the growing population in Palawan, the increasing incidence of communicable and non-communicable diseases, and the hospital's expanding role in specialized care – including pulmonology, cardiology, infectious diseases, Neonatology, trauma and psychiatry – the current bed capacity is no longer sufficient to meet the healthcare demands of the region.

The hospital's strategic location makes it the primary referral center for the Calamian Group of Islands, serving municipalities such as Coron, Busuanga, Culion, and Linapacan. Patients requiring advanced care often face delays due to limited bed capacity, resulting in transfers to distant tertiary hospitals in Metro Manila. This situation imposes financial and logistical burdens on patients and their families, while also straining the healthcare system.

Increasing the bed capacity of CSGH to 300 beds will:

- Strengthen its capacity to deliver quality healthcare services
- Reduce patient transfers to distant hospitals
- Enhance access to specialized care for underserved communities
- Support the Department of Health's mandate to expand hospital services in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDAs)

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


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**AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE CULION SANITARIUM
AND GENERAL HOSPITAL IN CULION, PALAWAN FROM TWO HUNDRED
(200) TO THREE HUNDRED (300) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR.**

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

SECTION 1. Bed Capacity Increase. – The authorized bed capacity of the Culion Sanitarium and General Hospital in the Municipality of Culion, Province of Palawan is hereby increased fro **two hundred (200) to three hundred (300) beds.**

SECTION 2. Upgrade of Facilities. – The Department of Helath (DOH) shall implement the necessary upgrading of facilities, equipment, and personnel to support the increase in bed capacity, consistent with the standards for Level II general hospitals.

SECTION 3. Appropriations. – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The DOH shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act within ninety (90) days from its effectivity.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, and issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,