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**HOUSE BILL NO. 11357**



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**INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE JURDIN JESUS M. ROMUALDO**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The 1987 Constitution declares that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development. It likewise mandates the State to make essential goods, health, and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. These constitutional principles underscore the government's duty to ensure that every Filipino, particularly those in geographically isolated areas, has access to quality, accessible, and responsive health care.

The Province of Camiguin, as the country's second smallest island province, faces unique geographical challenges in the delivery of health services. Patients requiring specialized treatment are often compelled to travel to neighboring provinces, resulting in additional financial burden, delayed medical intervention, and increased health risks during emergencies. Strengthening the province's primary public hospital is therefore indispensable to improving the health outcomes of its people.

The Camiguin General Hospital (CGH), located in the Municipality of Mambajao, serves as the province's principal government hospital and referral facility. Under Republic Act No. 8482, its authorized bed capacity remains at one hundred (100) beds. However, the increasing demand for inpatient care, emergency services, maternal and child health, surgical interventions, and specialized medical treatment has rendered its present capacity inadequate to meet the growing health-care needs of the province.

This bill seeks to address this pressing concern by increasing the authorized bed capacity of the Camiguin General Hospital from one hundred (100) to two hundred (200) beds. The proposed expansion will enable the hospital to accommodate more patients while providing the institutional capacity necessary for the enhancement of its medical and health-care services.

Beyond increasing bed capacity, this measure provides for the comprehensive modernization and upgrading of the hospital's physical facilities, medical equipment, laboratories, operating rooms, intensive care units, diagnostic services, ambulance and patient transport systems, power and water supply facilities, medical oxygen systems, sanitation infrastructure, and digital information technology systems necessary for efficient hospital operations.

The measure likewise directs the Camiguin General Hospital to develop and expand specialty and subspecialty services, including cardiovascular care, cancer treatment, renal and dialysis services, neurosciences, orthopedics and rehabilitation, emergency and critical care, and other specialized medical services responsive to the

diverse health needs of the people of Camiguin. It further ensures that the hospital's infrastructure, equipment, information technology, and digitalization requirements shall be supported through the Department of Health's Health Facilities and Equipment Fund.

Recognizing that expanded facilities require an equally capable workforce, the bill also mandates the creation of the appropriate complement of medical, nursing, allied health, administrative, technical, and support personnel, with corresponding provisions for personnel services and operational requirements to sustain the hospital's increased capacity and improved services.

Ultimately, this measure is a meaningful investment in the health, dignity, and well-being of every Camiguinon. By expanding and modernizing the Camiguin General Hospital, the State brings essential and specialized health-care services closer to the communities they serve, reduces the need for costly medical referrals outside the province, and strengthens the capacity of the local health system to respond to present and future health challenges.

**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 CAMIGUIN GENERAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAMBAJAO, PROVINCE OF CAMIGUIN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8482, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1       **SECTION 1. *Increase in Bed Capacity.*** - The authorized bed capacity of Camiguin  
2 General Hospital (CGH) located in the Municipality of Mambajao, Province of Camiguin, is  
3 hereby increased from 100 beds to 200 beds.

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5       Its increase in bed capacity to 200 beds shall be implemented immediately upon the  
6 approval of this Act.

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8       **SEC. 2. *Personnel and Operating Requirements.*** — The existing healthcare services  
9 and facilities are hereby upgraded to commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as  
10 provided in Section 1 hereof.

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12       The appropriate number of medical, nursing, allied health, administrative, technical, and  
13 support personnel of the Camiguin General Hospital, as well as the appropriations for  
14 personnel services and maintenance and other operating expenses, shall correspondingly  
15 be increased to complement its new bed capacity and the expanded health care services  
16 and facilities of the hospital.

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18       **SEC. 3. *Hospital Development.*** — The Camiguin General Hospital shall undertake the  
19 necessary expansion and modernization of its buildings, medical facilities, equipment,  
20 laboratories, operating rooms, intensive care facilities, diagnostic services, ambulance and  
21 patient transport vehicles, power supply, including generators for backup operations and  
22 the adoption of solar power systems, medical oxygen storage, distribution, and supply  
23 systems, water supply and treatment facilities, including a reverse osmosis water

1 purification system, sanitation and wastewater management facilities, digital infrastructure  
2 and information technology systems, and other support health facilities necessary to  
3 operate its increased bed capacity and expanded services.  
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5 The CGH shall develop and offer additional specialty and subspecialty health care  
6 services. It shall use its expanded bed capacity and upgraded facilities for health care  
7 requirements for cardiovascular, cancer, renal and dialysis, neurosciences, orthopedics  
8 and rehabilitation, emergency and critical care, and other specialized services to meet the  
9 diverse needs of their clients and the communities in Camiguin.  
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11 The necessary infrastructure, equipment, information technology, and digitalization  
12 requirements of the CGH shall be included in the Health Facilities and Equipment Fund of  
13 the Department of Health to support its successful implementation and sustained  
14 operations.  
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16 **SEC. 4. Appropriations.** — The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act  
17 shall be charged against the current appropriations of the Department of Health. Thereafter,  
18 such sums as may be necessary for the continued operations, maintenance and  
19 development of the Camiguin General Hospital shall be included in the annual General  
20 Appropriations Act.  
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22 **SEC. 5. Implementing Agency.** — The Department of Health, in coordination with the  
23 Camiguin General Hospital, the Department of Budget and Management, the Civil Service  
24 Commission, shall determine the necessary plantilla positions to be created consistent with  
25 the provisions of this Act.  
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27 **Sec. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** — Within ninety (90) days from the  
28 effectivity of this Act, the Department of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and  
29 regulations for its effective implementation.  
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31 **Sec. 7. Separability Clause.** — If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or  
32 unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.  
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34 **Sec. 8. Repealing Clause.** — All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations,  
35 and other issuances, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby  
36 repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.  
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38 **Sec. 9. Effectivity.** — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in  
39 the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.  
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Approved.