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HOUSE BILL No. 11407



INTRODUCED BY REP. JAIME EDUARDO MARC D. COJUANGCO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Congressman Enrique "Henry" M. Cojuangco Memorial District Hospital (CEHMCDH) located in San Julian, Moncada, Tarlac, serves as a vital healthcare lifeline for its primary catchment areas spanning five (5) municipalities in Tarlac (Moncada, Paniqui, Anao, Pura, and San Manuel) and two (2) municipalities in Nueva Ecija (Cuyapo and Nampicuan), serving hundreds of thousands of residents.

Since assuming office, the hospital administration of CEHMCDH has observed a steady and critical surge in its Bed Occupancy Rate (BOR) over the past several years. From 71.09% in 2022, the BOR rose sharply to 95.83% in 2023 and reached 176.87% in 2024. Currently, for the calendar year, the bed occupancy rate is an alarming 238%, forcing the hospital to use hallways as temporary areas to accommodate patients. Furthermore, the current nurse-to-patient ratio and overall manpower are severely stretched, structurally ill-suited to its meager authorized bed capacity of 17 beds.

With the massive influx of patients and the expanding health demands of the community, the existing 17-bed capacity is grossly inadequate to deliver efficient, effective, and quality medical care. Upgrading the authorized bed capacity to one hundred (100) beds, alongside the corresponding enhancement of its facilities, medical equipment, and professional workforce, is an urgent necessity to bridge these healthcare gaps and ease the burden on both patients and healthcare providers.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT

INCREASING THE AUTHORIZED BED CAPACITY OF THE CONGRESSMAN ENRIQUE "HENRY" M. COJUANGCO MEMORIAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MONCADA, PROVINCE OF TARLAC, FROM SEVENTEEN (17) TO ONE HUNDRED (100) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS FACILITIES, SERVICES, AND MANPOWER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The authorized bed capacity of the Congressman Enrique "Henry" M. Cojuangco Memorial District Hospital (CEHMCDH) in the Municipality of Moncada, Province of Tarlac, is hereby increased from seventeen (17) to one hundred (100) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan to be prepared by the Department of Health (DOH).

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

SECTION 3. The existing workforce of the CEHMCDH, including doctors, nurses, medical technologists, dietitians, laboratory technicians, and all other support personnel, shall be correspondingly increased.

The Secretary of Health shall, after consultation with the Chief of Hospital of the CEHMCDH, and in coordination with the Secretary of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Commissioner of the Civil Service Commission (CSC), determine the additional new positions to be created and filled up in the plantilla of the hospital.

SECTION 4. 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.

SECTION 5. If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the parts not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. All laws, executive orders, rules, regulations, and other issuances inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.