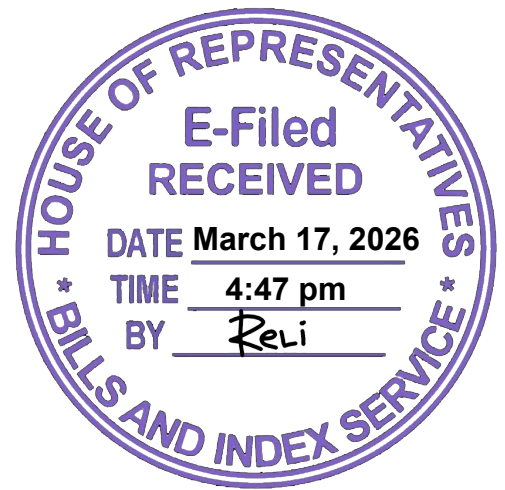


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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 222**

Submitted by the Committees on Health and Appropriations on **March 17, 2026**

Re : House Bill No. **8623**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 993 and 1759

Sponsors : Representatives Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., M.D., FPSO-HNS, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, Alyssa Michaela "Mica" M. Gonzales, and Anna York P. Bondoc, M.D.

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*Mr. Speaker:*

The Committees on Health and Appropriations to which were referred House Bill No. 993, introduced by Rep. Alyssa Michaela "Mica" M. Gonzales, entitled:

"AN ACT UPGRADING THE JOSE B. LINGAD MEMORIAL GENERAL HOSPITAL (JBLMGH) INTO A MEDICAL CENTER, TO BE KNOWN AS JOSE B. LINGAD MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER (JBLMMC), INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM ONE THOUSAND (1000) BEDS TO ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (1500) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL WORKFORCE COMPLEMENT, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11359, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

and House Bill No. 1759, introduced by Rep. Anna York P. Bondoc, M.D., entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF JOSE B. LINGAD MEMORIAL GENERAL HOSPITAL IN SAN FERNANDO CITY, PAMPANGA FROM ONE THOUSAND (1,000) TO ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (1,500), UPGRADING ITS SERVICES AND FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE"

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **8623**,  
entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE JOSE B. LINGAD MEMORIAL GENERAL HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, TO JOSE B. LINGAD MEDICAL CENTER, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM ONE THOUSAND TO ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED BEDS, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11359”

be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 993 and 1759, with Representatives Alyssa Michaela “Mica” M. Gonzales, Anna York P. Bondoc, M.D., Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., M.D., Marlesa “Doc Marly” Hofer-Hasim, Gerald Cloyd Alexis V. Galang, Laarni Lavin Roque, Eulogio “Leo” R. Rodriguez, Jose C. Alvarez, Gil “Kabarangayjr” Acosta, Jane T. Castro, Howard A. Guintu, Jesus “Jess” R. Marquez, Nathaniel M. Oducado, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, and Mikaela Angela B. Suansing as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:

  
**HON. MIKAELA ANGELA B. SUANSING**  
Chairperson  
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**HOUSE BILL NO. 8623**

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Introduced by Representatives Alyssa Michaela “Mica” M. Gonzales, Anna York P. Bondoc, M.D., Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., M.D., Marlesa “Doc Marly” Hofer-Hasim, Gerald Cloyd Alexis V. Galang, Laarni Lavin Roque, Eulogio “Leo” R. Rodriguez, Jose C. Alvarez, Gil “Kabarangayjr” Acosta, Jane T. Castro, Howard A. Guintu, Jesus “Jess” R. Marquez, Nathaniel M. Oducado, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, and Mikaela Angela B. Suansing

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**AN ACT**

**RENAMING THE JOSE B. LINGAD MEMORIAL GENERAL HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, TO JOSE B. LINGAD MEDICAL CENTER, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM ONE THOUSAND TO ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED BEDS, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11359**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital in the City of San  
2 Fernando, Province of Pampanga, is hereby renamed as Jose B. Lingad Medical Center  
3 (JBLMC), which shall be under the direct supervision and control of the Department of  
4 Health (DOH).

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6           **SEC. 2.** The authorized bed capacity of the JBLMC shall be increased from one  
7 thousand (1,000) to one thousand five hundred (1,500) beds. Any future increase in bed  
8 capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan that shall be prepared  
9 by the DOH.

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11           **SEC. 3.** The existing professional health care services and facilities of the JBLMC  
12 shall also be upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed  
13 capacity as provided for in Section 2 hereof.

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15           **SEC. 4.** The existing workforce of the JBLMC, which includes doctors, nurses,  
16 and support personnel, shall be increased correspondingly.

1       **SEC. 5.** The Secretary of Health shall, in consultation with the Medical Center  
2 Chief of the JBLMC, determine the additional positions required for the operation of the  
3 JBLMC, subject to applicable laws, rules, and regulations.  
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5       **SEC. 6.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's  
6 program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the  
7 annual General Appropriations Act.  
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9       **SEC. 7.** All references to the Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital in  
10 existing laws, rules, and regulations particularly those concerning increases in bed  
11 capacity, budgetary allocations, and other rights and privileges, shall continue to apply  
12 to the JBLMC upon the effectivity of this Act.  
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14       **SEC. 8.** If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the  
15 remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.  
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17       **SEC. 9.** Republic Act No. 11359, entitled "An Act Increasing the Bed Capacity of  
18 the Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital in San Fernando City, Pampanga from  
19 Five Hundred (500) Beds to One Thousand (1000) Beds, Upgrading its Service  
20 Facilities and Professional Health Care Services, Authorizing the Increase of its Medical  
21 Workforce Complement, Repealing for the Purpose Republic Act No. 10355, and  
22 Appropriating Funds Therefor," is hereby repealed. All laws, executive orders,  
23 issuances, and rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or  
24 modified accordingly.  
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26       **SEC. 10.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
27 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.  
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29       *Approved,*