



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8470

BY REPRESENTATIVES AQUINO, GATO AND SUANSING (M.A.)

AN ACT

**UPGRADING THE BUTUAN MEDICAL CENTER IN THE CITY OF BUTUAN,
PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE, INTO A LEVEL III HOSPITAL TO BE
KNOWN AS THE BUTUAN GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Butuan Medical Center in the City of Butuan, Province
2 of Agusan del Norte, is hereby upgraded into a Level III hospital to be known as
3 the Butuan General Hospital (BGH), which shall be under the direct supervision
4 and control of the Department of Health (DOH).

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6 **SEC. 2.** The authorized bed capacity of the BGH shall be increased from
7 one hundred fifty (150) to three hundred (300) beds. Any future increase in bed
8 capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan that shall be
9 prepared by the DOH.

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

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

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18 **SEC. 5.** The Secretary of Health shall, in consultation with the Medical
19 Center Chief of the BGH, determine the additional positions required for the
20 operation of the BGH, subject to applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

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22 **SEC. 6.** Within one hundred eighty (180) days from the effectivity of this
23 Act, the DOH shall, in coordination with the Provincial Government of Agusan del

1 Norte, formulate a transition plan for the renationalization of the BGH. The
2 transition period for the renationalization shall commence immediately upon
3 approval of this Act.
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5 **SEC. 7.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the
6 Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall
7 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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9 **SEC. 8.** If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the
10 remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.
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12 **SEC. 9.** All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations,
13 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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15 **SEC. 10.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
16 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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