

House of Representatives

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HOUSE BILL NO.



Introduced by HON. YASSER ALONTO BALINDONG

AN ACT

INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE BALINDONG DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNCIPALITY OF WATO-BALINDONG, SECOND DISTRICT OF LANAO DEL SUR, FROM TEN (10) TO FIFTY (50) BED CAPACITY, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of Balindong District Hospital in the Municipality of Wato-Balindong, Lanao del Sur from ten (10) to fifty (50).

The ten-bed capacity Balindong District Hospital was established by virtue of Batas Pambansa Bilang 420 enacted in 1983. In 1986, it became the core referral hospital of the Balindong District System composing of 6 municipalities, namely: Balindong, Tugaya, Bacolod Kalawi, Madalum, Madamba, and Ganassi. The nearest tertiary health facility is the Amai Pakpak Medical Center which is about 18 kilometers away.

After more than 35 years of its existence and with the increased population of its catchment area, there is a need to increase the bed capacity of the hospital from ten (10) to fifty (50) to effectively cater to the health needs of the population.

This Bill intends to carry out the State policy in protecting and advancing the right to health of our people and instilling health consciousness among them. This will also further implement our Universal Health Care Law.

Early approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.

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

- **SECTION 1.** The authorized bed capacity of the Balindong District Hospital in the Municipality of Wato-Balindong, 2nd district of Lanao del Sur, is hereby increased from ten (10) beds to fifty (50) beds.
- **SEC 2.** The existing professional health care services and facilities of the Balindong District Hospital are hereby upgraded to conform and be commensurate to the increase in its authorized bed capacity as provided for in Section 1 hereof.
- **SEC 3.** The existing work force of the Balindong District Hospital shall be correspondingly increased. The Department of Health shall, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and Civil Service Commission, and after consultation with the Balindong District Hospital Authorities, determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up.
- **SEC 4.** The increase in bed capacity and the corresponding services and facilities upgrade of the Balindong District Hospital shall be implemented within a period of not more than two (2) years from the approval of this Act.
- **SEC 5.** 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.
- SEC 6. The Secretary of Health shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.
- **SEC 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,