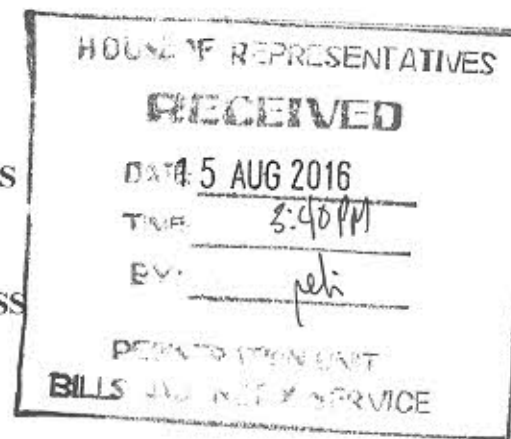


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House Bill No. **2905**



Introduced by: **HON. ELISA T. KHO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of the Masbate Provincial Hospital, the only secondary hospital in the whole province.

The Masbate Provincial Hospital initially started with fifty (50) bed capacity 50 years ago. In March 19, 1992, by virtue of Republic Act 7236, the hospital increased its bed capacity to One Hundred (100). Since this is the only tertiary government run hospital in the entire province, the scope of its service is very wide.

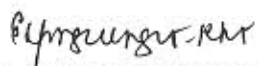
Masbate Provincial Hospital has experienced a consistently increasing number of admitted patients for the last ten (10) years. The hospital has been operating maximally, having to adopt creative means to meet the increasing demand for quality health care.

As of now, the ratio is 1 bed: 2,692 patients which is far lower than the target Bed to Population Ratio (BPIR) provided in Administrative Order 06-0004. The Unmet Bed Need (UBN) is in a similar state, currently at 1,853 beds lacking.

How long this state of affairs will remain satisfactory is a matter that cannot be gambled upon because of the lives at stake.

Consequently, the current authorized bed capacity needs to be increased from 100 to 200 in order to accommodate its rapidly increasing occupancy noted in the recent years with the corresponding increase in the number of beds, personnel needed (both medical and non-medical), supplies and allocated budget.

Given the importance of providing the much needed services to the people, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE MASBATE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE PROVINCE OF MASBATE, FROM ONE HUNDRED (100) BEDS TO TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS, UPGRADING THE SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE THEREIN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. The authorized bed capacity of the Masbate Provincial Hospital located at Danao Street, Masbate City, in the Province of Masbate is hereby increased from one hundred (100) to two hundred (200).

Section 2. Existing service facilities and professional health care services are also hereby upgraded to conform with and commensurate to the bed capacity increase as provided in Section 1 as above-cited.

Section 3. The existing workforce of the Masbate Provincial Hospital shall also be correspondingly increased. The Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission, shall determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up upon prior consultation with the Masbate Provincial Hospital.

Section 4. The increase in bed capacity of the Masbate Provincial Hospital from one hundred (100) to two hundred (200) hundred beds shall be implemented for a period of not more than two (2) years from the approval of this Act.

Section 5. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

Section 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.