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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The most important role of hospitals and health institutions is to provide adequate and competent medical services to the people. The reality however, is that it is difficult to secure medical services from big private hospitals that often charge medical fees that the ordinary Filipino cannot afford, leaving him no other option but to rely on the medical services provided by the government hospitals. Sadly, perennial budgetary problems plague government hospitals and prevent them from filling this great void in the Filipinos' health care needs.

The Roxas District Hospital (Roxas General Hospital) was created by Republic Act No. 1900 thru the bill introduced by the late Congressman Jose Leido Jr. in 1969 and at the same year a hospital building was erected with an initial cost of Php 100,000.00 on a one hectare lot at Odiong, Roxas, Oriental Mindoro donated by the heirs of Lucio Suarez Sr.

On January 21, 1995, Republic Act 7857 - An Act increasing the bed capacity of the Roxas District Hospital from twenty-five (25) beds to fifty (50) beds was signed into law by then President Fidel V. Ramos.

However, the steady growth of medical cases, necessitates the need for the government to upgrade the bed capacity of the Roxas District Hospital. To realize this goal, the improvement of this government hospital is necessary. This bill aims to provide the Roxas District Hospital with an increased bed capacity.

This legislation aims to create a more responsive health institution that will address the pressing medical needs of the people, more particularly the poor and the marginalized of society.

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


REYNALDO V. UMALI

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AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE ROXAS DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO, FROM FIFTY TO TWO HUNDRED BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7857

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of R.A. 7857 is hereby amended, to read as follows:

“Section 1. The bed capacity of the Roxas District Hospital in the Municipality of Roxas, Province of Oriental Mindoro, is hereby increased from [twenty-five (25) to fifty (50) beds] **FIFTY (50) TO TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS. THE INCREASE IN BED CAPACITY SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN TWO (2) YEARS FROM THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT.**”

SECTION 2. **Appropriation.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriation Act of the year following its enactment.

SECTION 3. **Separability Clause.** Should any provision herein be declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of other provisions of this Act.

SECTION 4. **Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 5. **Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.