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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 6479



Introduced by: Rep. Gil “Kabarangay Jr.” A. Acosta

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of Ospital ng Palawan in Puerto Princesa City, Province of Palawan from One Hundred (100) beds to Four Hundred (400) beds.

Ospital ng Palawan, founded in 1901, has been delivering health services, to the local population for more than a century now. It started as Puerto Princesa Hospital with a 20-bed capacity. In 1980, the bed capacity was increased to 50, which was still by then, inadequate to cater to the Palawan population it serves. In 1992, RA 7413 was signed into law by President Corazon Aquino upgrading the hospital into a 75-bed capacity. Subsequently in 1999, the bed capacity was again increased from a 75-bed capacity to a 150-bed tertiary hospital through the enactment of RA 8549 authored by then Representative Alfredo “Amor” Abueg, Jr. and was renamed as Ospital ng Palawan.

Ospital ng Palawan plays a vital role in the province’s healthcare system as the next higher referral facility for the sick populace, not only in Palawan, but expanding its services in the MIMAROPA region. In 2016, 33,711 both admitted and outpatients were catered by the hospital, with a remarkable increase in 2017 to 45,195 clients, and constantly rising to 53,065 in 2018. Owing to this progressive upturn is the congestion in the clinical areas and exhausted financial and manpower resources.

Increasing the bed capacity from one hundred (100) to four hundred (400) is a viable solution to institutionalize the operation and improve the delivery of basic health services to the growing populace.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this legislative measure is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF OSPITAL NG
PALAWAN IN THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA, PROVINCE OF
PALAWAN FROM ONE HUNDRED (100) BEDS TO FOUR HUNDRED
(400) BEDS, UPGRADING THE SERVICE FACILITIES AND
PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE THEREIN, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

3 **Sec. 1.** The authorized bed capacity of the Ospital ng Palawan in the City
4 of Puerto Princesa, Province of Palawan is hereby increased from one hundred
5 (100) to four hundred (400) beds which shall be implemented for a period of not
6 more than three (3) years from the approval of this Act.

7 **Sec. 2.** The existing hospital facilities and professional health care
8 services of Ospital ng Palawan are also hereby upgraded and increased to
9 conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity.

10 **Sec. 3.** Upon prior consultation with Ospital ng Palawan, the Department
11 of Health shall, in coordination with the Department of Budget and
12 Management and the Civil Service Commission, determine the additional
13 plantilla positions to be created and filled up in the workforce of Ospital ng
14 Palawan.

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16 **Sec. 4.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall
17 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act of the year following its
18 enactment into law and thereafter.

19 **Sec. 5.** All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts
20 thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or
21 modified accordingly.

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

24 Approved,

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