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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3714

Introduced by Hon. Elenita Milagros "Eileen" Ermita-Buhain

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIII Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution, states:

"The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick elderly, disabled, women and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers."

Batangas Medical Center has an average of five hundred ten (510) in-patient per day and twenty-five thousand (25,000) per year, catering not only the patients from the Province of Batangas but also the nearby provinces of Region IV-A.

With the increasing number of patients, the need to provide better health services and facilities has never been more pronounced.

Thus, the objective of this bill is to increase the present bed capacity of the said hospital from five hundred (500) beds to one thousand (1,000) beds in order to ensure the efficient and effective delivery of health services, not only to the people of Batangas, but also to the neighboring provinces of Region IV-A.

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

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**“AN ACT
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE BATANGAS MEDICAL CENTER
FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS TO ONE THOUSAND (1,000) BEDS,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7532, AS FURTHER
AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9791, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”**

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

Section 1. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9791 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 2. The bed capacity of the Batangas Medical Center is hereby increased from five hundred (500) beds to one thousand (1,000) beds.”

Section 2. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7532 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 2. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department’s programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 3. Repealing Clause. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations and/or administrative regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, modified, superseded or repealed accordingly.

Section 4. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,