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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 6828



Introduced by HON. MA. LOURDES T. ARROYO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The IGNACIO L. ARROYO SR. MEMORIAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL (ILASMDH) is a twenty-five (25) bed infirmary health facility situated in the Municipality of Isabela in Negros Occidental. Given its strategic location, ILASMDH provides health care services not only to the residents of Isabela, but to a lot of patients in its adjacent municipalities; Binalbagan, La Castellana, Moises Padilla, Hinigaran, City of Himamaylan and certain parts of Negros Oriental.

Pursuant to the Constitutional mandate of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them, the Ignacio L. Arroyo Sr. Memorial District Hospital shall continue to provide quality health services. Thus, bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of ILASMDH from Twenty-Five (25) to One Hundred (100) beds.

ILASMDH started as a semi-private Puericulture Center functioning mainly as Maternity and Children's Clinic in the 1950s. On July 1, 1969, it was upgraded to a 25-bed primary level hospital under the name of Isabela District Hospital covered by the national government and subsequently became a secondary level district hospital in the year 1989.

The hospital was devolved to the Provincial Government of Negros Occidental in 1993 upon the enactment of the Local Government Code. It was in the year 2004 when the hospital was named after the late Ignacio L. Arroyo Sr. pursuant to *Resolution No. 0596 (series of 2004)* approving the Deed of Donation of the new hospital building which was entered into by and between the Province of Negros Occidental and Municipality of Isabela and was approved by the Department of Health on July 2, 2007.

ILASMDH has been catering health services to mostly indigent patients. In 2016, it served 3,262 indigent patients and 1,183 of them were treated for the period January to June 2019. At present, the hospital's authorized bed capacity and actual hospital bed occupancy rate is mismatched.

Every year, the hospital exceeds its bed occupancy due to its volume of admissions. In 2016 its bed occupancy rate has reached 226.27% with an average daily census of 56 admissions per day. In the following year, it also exceeded to 142.17% and in 2018, the bed

occupancy rate was at 148.03%. For the period of January to June 2019, the bed occupancy rate of ILASMDH has reached to 110.83% with an average daily admission of 28 patients per day. Hence, there is an urgent need for the increase of its bed capacity.

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


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AN ACT
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF IGNACIO L. ARROYO SR.
MEMORIAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL (ILASMDH) FROM TWENTY-FIVE
(25) TO ONE HUNDRED (100) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. The authorized bed capacity of the Ignacio Lacson Arroyo Sr. Memorial District Hospital (ILSMDH) is hereby increased from twenty-five (25) to One Hundred (100) beds.

SEC. 2. The existing service facilities and professional health care services of the ILSMDH are hereby upgraded to conform with and commensurate to the bed capacity increase as provided for in Section 1 thereof.

SEC. 3. The existing workforce of ILSMDH 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 shall be filled up after consultation with ILSMDH.

SEC. 4. The increase in bed capacity of the ILSMDH from Twenty-Five (25) to One Hundred (100) beds shall be implemented within one (1) year from the law's effectivity.

SEC. 5. The amount necessary for the upgrade including the acquisition of additional personnel, medical equipment and facilities and the construction of needed infrastructure shall be charged against the current year's appropriation and thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued operations shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,