# Republic of the Philippines HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Quezon City

## EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO.



Introduced By Representative ALLAN BENEDICT S. REYES

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

In 2012, Republic Act No. 10345 increased the bed capacity of the Quirino Memorial Medical Center ("QMMC") from 350 to 500 beds. However, the said increase still does not meet the needs of the hospital since it does not only cater to residents of Quezon City but also from Marikina, Antipolo, Rizal, Caloocan, Pasig and Taguig among others.

Currently, QMMC is a level 3 medical center and is home to thirteen medical training programs, namely: Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Surgery, Pediatrics, Anesthesia, Ophthalmology, ENT, Family and Community Medicine, Neurology, Radiological Sciences, Pathology, Orthopedics and Dermatology. The fellowship training program of QMMC is also growing, particularly in the surgical field. Further, it is also home to one of only two accredited training centers for Minimally Invasive OB-Gynecology. It is also developing other programs such as Perinatology, OB-Ultrasound and Adult Gastroenterology.

In connection with this, QMMC is also a training facility. It caters to more than a hundred trainees from all levels of the health workforce who receive internship and rotating residency and fellowship training from its expert staff. It has trainees from San Beda School of Medicine, Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health, Arellano University, Fatima School of Medicine, UERM Memorial Medical Center among others.

Despite the 2012 increase to a 500-bed capacity medical center, QMMC's bed occupancy rate ("BOR") in 2013 was at 340.67%, 201.12% in 2014, 267.67% in 2015, 311.09% in 2016, 262.30% in 2017 and 265.31% in 2018. This just shows that the hospital operates at more than double of its current capacity.

Thus, this Representation seeks to address the said deficiencies by increasing the bed capacity from 500 to 1000 in order to cater to the diverse clients of QMMC. The Bill also seeks to adjust the manpower capability of the hospital and in turn help improve the health services being offered to our fellow countrymen.

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

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#### AN ACT

INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF QUIRINO MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS TO ONE THOUSAND (1000) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THERFOR

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

- **SECTION 1.** The authorized bed capacity of the Quirino Memorial Medical Center in Quezon City is hereby increased from five hundred (500) to one thousand (1000) beds. The increase in the bed capacity shall be implemented consistent with the development plan of the hospital.
- **SECTION 2.** The existing professional health care services and facilities of the Quirino Memorial Medical Center are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in its authorized bed capacity as provided for in Section 1 hereof.
- SECTION 3. The existing workforce of the Quirino Memorial Medical Center shall also be correspondingly increased. The Department of Health ("DOH") shall in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management ("DBM") and the Civil Service Commission ("CSC") and after consultation with the Quirino Memorial Medical Center, determine the additional plantilla positions to be created.
- **SECTION 4.** 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 General Appropriations Act.
- **SECTION 5.** The Secretary of Health, in consultation and coordination with local government officials of Quezon City, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.
- **SECTION 6.** If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect

**SECTION 7.** All other laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 8.** Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication the Official Gazette or in the two (2) national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,