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House Bill No. 5210



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AN ACT
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF EAST AVENUE MEDICAL CENTER,
FROM SIX HUNDRED (600) TO ONE THOUSAND (1,000) BEDS,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State has the mandate to ensure quality health care be delivered to its citizens. As time progresses, hospitals and medical institutions have to keep up with the demands of the Filipino people for quality and accessible health services. This bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of one of the country's reliable hospitals, the East Avenue Medical Center, from six hundred (600) to one thousand (1,000) beds.

The East Avenue Medical Center (EAMC) is a 600-bed Department of Health tertiary, multispecialty, and end-referral hospital. Its mission is to provide quality health services, competent training to health professionals, and conduct ethical researches. This hospital offers a variety of primary and tertiary health services that covers diagnostic, therapeutic, and rehabilitative management and care. Around 90% of patients in EAMC are indigent. Moreover, the daily average occupancy rate of EAMC reaches up to 133%, the average ER consultation rate is 600 patients per day, and the average out-patient census is 1,600 patients a day. This daunting challenge requires utmost support from the government.

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


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

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* It is the policy of the State to “adopt integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all people at affordable cost.” Toward this end, the State shall make proactive support for health institutions and facilities to increase their capacity for service.

SEC. 2. *Augmentation of Bed Capacity.* The bed capacity of the East Avenue Medical Center is hereby augmented from six hundred (600) to one thousand (1,000) beds.

SEC. 3. *Upgrading of Current Service Facilities and Professional Health Care Services.* The existing hospital facilities, professional health care services and health human resource of the East Avenue Medical Center are hereby upgraded to adhere to the augmentation of its bed capacity. The Department of Health, the Civil Service Commission, and the EAMC shall identify the facility needs and its operational requirement distinguishing the supplemental *plantilla* positions.

SEC. 4. *Appropriation.* 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.

SEC. 5. *Implementation.* The addition in bed capacity of the EAMC shall be implemented for a period of not more than one (1) year from the approval of this Act.

SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.* If any of the sections or provisions of this Act is held invalid, all other provisions not affected shall remain valid.

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

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

Approved,