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Introduced by **Hon. ROSANNA "RIA" V. VERGARA**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

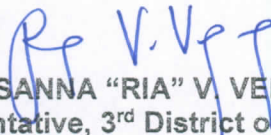
Dr. Paulino J. Garcia Memorial Research and Medical Center ("PJGMRMC") is the premier government hospital in the Province of Nueva Ecija and among the oldest hospitals in Central Luzon. Formerly known as the "Nueva Ecija Provincial Hospital", PJGMRMC was established pursuant to Commonwealth Act No. 3114, as amended by Act No. 3168 and other Acts, and was opened to the public on December 15, 1930 with a capacity of thirty (30) beds.\*

In the course of its operations, PJGMRMC has gradually increased its bed capacity to effectively address the parallel rise in healthcare needs. In 1967, Republic Act No. 5141, which was authored by then Congressman Angel Concepcion, was enacted to increase the bed capacity of PJGMRMC to four hundred (400) beds. Notably, thereafter, Republic Act No. 6325 was enacted in 1971; pursuant to this law, the Nueva Ecija Provincial Hospital was converted into a national hospital and renamed as the "Dr. Paulino J. Garcia Memorial Research and Medical Center".

In recent years, the hospital became the focal point of development in Central Luzon as the Department of Health (DOH) has identified it to be capable of providing quality, specialty services in healthcare delivery, training and research. The DOH has designated the hospital to become the Regional Specialty Center for Heart and Lung, Kidney Transplant, Trauma, Brain, Orthopedic, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Eye, Reproductive Health, Neonatology, Infectious Diseases and Tropical Medicine, Geriatric, Diabetes Control, Toxicology, Cancer and Dermatology Center in Region III. Given this development, the hospital expects a tremendous increase in the number of patients in the coming years.

Indeed, the increase in bed capacity, the upgrade of its facilities and services, and the corresponding increase in PJGMRMC workforce logically follow from its ongoing expansion. Hence, the passage of this bill is of utmost importance for this hospital's smooth and efficient delivery of health care services.

Given the foregoing, this bill is respectfully submitted for immediate consideration and approval.

  
**ROSANNA "RIA" V. VERGARA**  
Representative, 3<sup>rd</sup> District of Nueva Ecija

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\* <http://drpjgmrmc.doh.gov.ph/component/content/article?id=27>

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1 **AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF DR. PAULINO J. GARCIA MEMORIAL**  
2 **RESEARCH AND MEDICAL CENTER IN CABANATUAN CITY, NUEVA ECIJA FROM**  
3 **FOUR HUNDRED (400) BEDS TO SIX HUNDRED (600) BEDS, AUTHORIZING THE**  
4 **INCREASE OF ITS PERSONNEL, UPGRADING ITS HOSPITAL FACILITIES AND**  
5 **PROFESSIONAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

6 **SECTION 1. Increase in Authorized Bed Capacity.** The authorized bed capacity of  
7 Dr. Paulino J. Garcia Memorial Research and Medical Center ("PJGMRMC") in Cabanatuan  
8 City, Nueva Ecija is hereby increased from four hundred (400) beds to six hundred (600)  
9 beds.

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11 **SECTION 2. Upgrade of Existing Service Facilities.** The existing hospital facilities  
12 and professional health care services of the PJGMRMC are also hereby upgraded and  
13 increased to conform with and be commensurate to the increased bed capacity of the  
14 hospital as provided under Section 1 hereof.

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16 **SECTION 3. Expansion of Manpower Requirement.** The number of medical  
17 personnel in PJGMRMC shall also be correspondingly increased. Upon consultation with the  
18 management of PJGMRMC, the Secretary of Health, in coordination with the Secretary of  
19 Budget and Management and the Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission, shall  
20 determine the additional plantilla positions to be created pursuant to the provisions of this  
21 Act.

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23 **SECTION 4. Period of Implementation.** The increase in the bed capacity of  
24 PJGMRMC from four hundred (400) beds to six hundred (600) beds shall be implemented  
25 within one (1) year from effectivity of this Act.

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27 **SECTION 5. Appropriations.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include  
28 the implementation of this Act in the programs of the Department, the funding of which shall  
29 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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31 **SECTION 6. Separability Clause.** If any provision or part of this Act is declared  
32 unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions that are unaffected shall remain in full  
33 force and effect.  
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1       **SECTION 7. Repealing Clause.** All other laws, decrees, issuances, rules and  
2 regulations, or parts thereof that are not consistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby  
3 repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.  
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5       **SECTION 8. Effectivity.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its  
6 publication in Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.  
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