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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL No. **2923**



Introduced by: REP. NOEL L. VILLANUEVA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 15, Article II of the Constitution provides that, *"The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."* While the above-stated policy has been diversely implemented both nationally and locally, present realities still demand an impelling necessity to improve existing health facilities and develop health programs which are appropriate to address the growing and actual health needs of the people.

This bill therefore seeks to increase the bed capacity of the Concepcion District Hospital in the Municipality of Concepcion, Province of Tarlac from fifty (50) to one hundred (100) beds, and upgrade its services facilities and professional health care.

The Concepcion District Hospital provides diagnostic treatment, care, counselling, rehabilitation services and other supportive health professional services to the residents of the Municipalities of Concepcion, Bamban, La Paz and Capas. Through the years,, the number of patients, particularly the poor and the underprivileged, who sought the services and were admitted to the district hospital had increased significantly. The existing 50-bed capacity district hospital which has only three (3) doctors at present cannot cope with the ever-increasing number of patients and their diversified health needs, especially those requiring confinement. Increasing its bed capacity to 100 beds and the corresponding increase in the number of medical practitioners and health workers employed in the hospital will result in more patients being accommodated and better served in the district hospital.

Through this measure, the delivery of primary health care services will certainly be improved and it will also ensure an itegrated, efficient and adequate medical health services for the people.

It is worthy to emphasize that this bill was approved by the House of Representatives during the 16th Congress and was transmitted to the Senate. However, due to lack of material time it was not enacted into law.

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



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AN ACT
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE CONCEPCION DISTRICT
HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CONCEPCION, PROVINCE OF
TARLAC, FROM FIFTY (50) TO ONE HUNDRED (100) BEDS, UPGRADING
ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE,
AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The authorized bed capacity of the Concepcion District Hospital in the Municipality of Concepcion, Province of Tarlac is hereby increased from fifty (50) to one hundred (100) beds.

SEC. 2. The existing service facilities and professional health care services of the Concepcion District Hospital are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the bed capacity increase as provided for under Section 1 of this Act.

SEC. 3. The Department of Health (DOH) shall, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Concepcion District Hospital, determine the additional plantilla positions to be created pursuant to this Act.

SEC. 5. The increase in the bed capacity of the Concepcion District Hospital from fifty (50) to one hundred (100) beds shall be implemented within a period of not more than two (2) years from the approval of this Act.

SEC. 6. The amount necessary to implement this Act shall be charged against the annual appropriation of the DOH of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,