

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE )  
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES )  
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. B. No. 3439



Introduced by Representative Vilma Santos-Recto  
6th District of Batangas

AN ACT  
UPGRADING THE LIPA CITY HOSPITAL INTO A SECONDARY LEVEL  
HOSPITAL AND INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY FOR GENERAL CARE  
SERVICES FROM ONE HUNDRED (100) TO TWO HUNDRED (200),  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Explanatory Note

The Constitution provides that “the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill consciousness among them.” It is then the obligation of the State to enhance the delivery of health services to the people.

Republic Act No. 5690 took effect in 21 June 1969, increasing the bed capacity of Lipa City Hospital to 50 beds and converting the same into a National Hospital.

However, with the passage of the Local Government Code, the management and operation of the said hospital has been devolved to the Local Government Unit (LGU) specifically to the Provincial Government of Batangas.

Another law was signed in 21 May 1992, further increasing the number of hospital beds in the said hospital to 100 bed capacity pursuant to Republic Act No. 7523. The hospital had been operating in excess of its equal bed capacity, thus the need to adopt creative means to meet the increasing demand for quality health care.

The Lipa City Hospital located at Granja, Barangay 7, Lipa City, in the province of Batangas caters to the medical and health needs of the people not just in Lipa District but those from the neighboring 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> districts of Batangas and even the residents of the Provinces of Quezon and Laguna.

This bill seeks to upgrade the Lipa City Hospital in the province of Batangas, a 100-bed capacity, into a Secondary Level Hospital and increasing the Bed Capacity for General Care Services to Two Hundred (200) to further cater the health needs of the public.

With the increasing number of patients, there is a need to provide better health services and health facilities - in parallel to the rise of the population is an immediate demand for the creation of a 200-bed capacity District Hospital from its present 100-bed capacity.

Without a doubt, the priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children and the endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers could only be effectively serviced by government-owned hospitals especially those in the provinces. Due to the exorbitant price of health care, majority of the underprivileged people largely depend on public hospitals for their medical needs and attention. This situation is very much evident in the case of the people of the City of Lipa, in the province of Batangas.

Upgrading the hospital into a secondary level and increasing the bed capacity to 200 will certainly provide better health services and will benefit the abovementioned constituencies. Upgraded and efficient facilities which will emphasize preventive health care will be readily available for the patients.

It is in this regard that the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

1       **SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy** - It is the declared policy of the State that it shall  
2 protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among  
3 them. Further, the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health  
4 development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services  
5 to all the people at affordable cost.

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7       **SECTION 2. Objectives** – The objectives of this Act are:

- 8       a) To improve and upgrade government health services and facilities for the benefit of  
9 the public;  
10       b) To provide all essential and quality health services to the people, especially the sick,  
11 the poor and marginalized sectors of society; and  
12       c) To improve and uplift the morale, social and economic well-being of health workers.

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14       **SECTION 3. Upgrade to Secondary Level and Establishment of a 200-bed**  
15 **capacity** – The Lipa City Hospital in Lipa City, Province of Batangas, is hereby upgraded  
16 into a secondary level hospital and the authorized bed capacity for general health care  
17 services is increased to two hundred (200).  
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1           **SECTION 4. Appropriations** - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of  
2 this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its  
3 enactment into law and thereafter.

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5           **SECTION 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations** - The Secretary of the  
6 Department of Health (DOH) shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the  
7 effective implementation of this Act.

8           **SECTION 6. Separability Clause** - If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or  
9 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provisions not otherwise affected shall  
10 remain valid and subsisting.

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12           **SECTION 6. Repealing Clause** - All laws, executive orders, decrees, issuances,  
13 rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby  
14 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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16           **SECTION 7. Effectivity** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
17 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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19 Approved,  
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