



Republic of the Philippines  
**House of Representatives**  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4499



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**Introduced by Representative Jesus Crispin C. Remulla**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to convert the General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital into a general hospital to be known as the Cavite Central General Hospital, increase its bed capacity from two hundred sixty-four (264) to six hundred (600) and upgrade its service facilities and professional health care.

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.”*

Pursuant to the foregoing constitutional provision, it is the obligation of the State to give emphasis on the preventive rather than the curative aspect of health. The best way to achieve this is to enhance the health services of the people.

The General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital is the sole government-run hospital and the only provincial tertiary hospital located in the City of Trece Martires, Province of Cavite. It delivers the health and medical needs of the people of Trece Martires City and its adjacent municipalities. For years, the General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital has been plagued with the problems of having insufficient bed capacity to cater to the growing population of the Province of Cavite where public hospital to population ratio is at 1:408,700. Furthermore, the stringent plantilla limitation set by the Department of Budget and Management has resulted to the migration of medical specialists to other government hospitals.

This proposed bill will not only provide better and more efficient delivery of health services for the people of the City of Trece Martires but for the entire Province of Cavite.

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



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**AN ACT**

**CONVERTING THE GENERAL EMILIO AGUINALDO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF TRECE MARTIRES, PROVINCE OF CAVITE INTO A GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAVITE CENTRAL GENERAL HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM TWO-HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR (264) TO SIX HUNDRED (600), UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital in the City of Trece Martires, Province of Cavite is hereby converted into a general hospital to be known as the Cavite Central General Hospital.

SEC. 2. The authorized bed capacity of the Cavite Central General Hospital is hereby increased from two hundred sixty-four (264) to six hundred (600) beds.

The Secretary of Health shall implement the increase in bed capacity of the Cavite Central General Hospital within two (2) years from the approval of

1 this Act.

2 SEC. 3. The existing service facilities and professional health care  
3 services of the Cavite Central General Hospital are hereby upgraded to conform  
4 with and be commensurate to the bed capacity increase as provided for under  
5 Section 2 of this Act.

6 SEC. 4. The plantilla of employees of Cavite Central General Hospital  
7 which include doctors, nurses and support personnel shall also be increased  
8 correspondingly commensurate to the increase in its authorized bed capacity.  
9 The Secretary of Health shall, in coordination with the Secretary of Budget  
10 and Management, Commissioner of the Civil Service Commission and the  
11 Cavite Central General Hospital, determine the additional plantilla positions to  
12 be created pursuant to this Act.

13 SEC. 5. The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department's  
14 program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included  
15 in the annual General Appropriations Act.

16 SEC. 6. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the  
17 Secretary of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the  
18 effective implementation of this Act.

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

21 Approved,