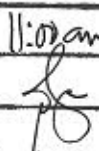


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of the lying-in clinic in Rizal, Palawan, from ten-bed to twenty-bed capacity.

Article II, Section 15 of the Philippine Constitution states that, "the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them." In line with this, it is essential that the bed capacity of the abovementioned lying-in clinic must be increased to address the prevailing need of the citizens in the area related to pregnancy and child birth.

Most of the inhabitants of Rizal, Palawan are farmers. For women to give birth, they need to traverse from mountain to mountain to reach the lying-in clinic. Families are also financially constrained which prevents them from going to another municipality to deliver their offspring at a bigger clinic or medical establishment whenever the ten-bed lying-in clinic in Rizal, Palawan is already congested.

On the contrary, few families could afford other medical options but are required to travel for two (2) to three (3) hours going to other municipalities or even in Puerto Princesa City where better clinics and hospitals are located to accommodate the patients' needs.

Furthermore, the current capacity of the lying-in clinic in Rizal, Palawan can no longer support the increasing population of the town. According to the Philippine Statistics Authority, the population in 2007 is 37,487 and in 2010, it is 42,759. While there is no record yet of the 2011 to 2015 census, there is a steady growth in the population which depicts a logical surplus in patient count vis-à-vis shortage in lying-in clinic beds for birthing women.

The upgrade from ten-bed to twenty-bed lying-in clinic in Rizal, Palawan would definitely accommodate the locals in the municipality of Rizal.

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

  
**FREDERICK F. ABUEG**  
Representative, 2<sup>nd</sup> District of Palawan

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**AN ACT**  
**UPGRADING A TEN (10) BEDS LYING IN INTO TWENTY (20) BEDS IN**  
**THE MUNICIPALITY OF RIZAL, PALAWAN INCLUDING THE MEDICAL**  
**FACILITY EQUIPMENTS**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** - There shall be provided the upgrade of the ten (10) beds  
2       lying – in clinic into twenty (20) beds lying – in clinic in Rizal, Palawan  
3       including the medical facility equipment under the supervision of the  
4       Department of Health (DOH) or its authorized entity.

5           **SEC. 2.** *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to carry out the  
6       provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of  
7       the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

8           **SEC. 3.** *Implementation.* – The Secretary of Health shall issue such  
9       rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

10          **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in  
11       the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*