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House Bill No. 3069

Introduced by Honorable ALFONSO V. UMALI JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

No less than the 1987 Philippine Constitution ensures the right of every Filipinos to health. As categorically stated in Section 15, Article II thereof, "the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."

This bill seeks to convert the Oriental Mindoro Provincial Hospital (OMPH) in Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro into a Regional Hospital.

At present, the OMPH operates as a service and trainingoriented tertiary medical facility managed by the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro. It has a 200-bed capacity and serves as the main referral hospital for patients and medical cases requiring tertiary specialty medical care from different provincial government satellite hospitals and Rural Health Units in the province.

The rapidly-increasing population in the Province of Oriental Mindoro, not to mention designation of the province as the Regional Center of MIMAROPA, the need for medical services proportionately increase. Indispensably, the government health care service providers should be more in keep with such realities and the standard of health services they provide have to be at par globally. Hence, the OMPH, being the catchment hospital catering

the provinces of Oriental Mindoro, Occidental Mindoro, Marinduque, and Romblon, shall be upgraded

The increase in bed capacity and upgrading of the OMPH into a Regional Hospital can accommodate more patients and thus provides better access to quality and affordable health care services for the people.

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"AN ACT CONVERTING THE
ORIENTAL MINDORO PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL
IN CALAPAN CITY, ORIENTAL MINDORO
TO A REGIONAL HOSPITAL, TO BE KNOWN AS
ORIENTAL MINDORO REGIONAL HOSPITAL
AND TO INCREASE ITS BED CAPACITY TO THREE HUNDRED
(300) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

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

SECTION 1. Conversion. The Oriental Mindoro Provincial Hospital in Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro shall be converted into a regional hospital to be known as "Oriental Mindoro Regional Hospital (OMRH)." Accordingly, its bed capacity is hereby increased from two hundred (200) to three hundred (300) beds.

SECTION 2. Upgrading of Facilities and Equipment. The existing service facilities, medical equipment and professional health care services shall likewise be upgraded to conform with and commensurate to the increase of its bed capacity as provided under Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 3. Additional Human Resources. The Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission, shall determine

the additional *plantilla* positions to be created and filled up in the OMRH.

SECTION 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Department of Health shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

The increase in the bed capacity of the OMRH from two hundred (200) to three hundred (300) beds shall be implemented for a period of not more than two (2) years from the approval of this Act.

SECTION 5. Funding. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.