



Eighteenth Congress
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 4744

Introduced by Representative Henry S. Oaminal

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of Mayor Hilarion A. Ramiro Sr. Medical Center in the Province of Misamis Occidental from Five hundred (500) to One thousand (1000) beds, upgrade its services, facilities and professional health care, and authorize the increase of its medical personnel.

Section 11, Article XIII of the Constitution provides that:

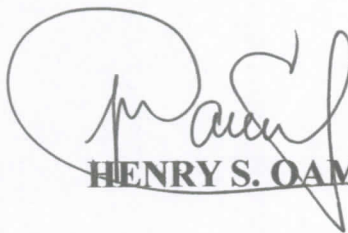
“The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.”

In pursuant to the foregoing constitutional provision, the State is mandated to protect and promote the right to health of every Filipino by making quality and adequate health care available and accessible to everybody, especially the poor and the disadvantaged. In the fulfillment of this mandate, the Mayor Hilarion A. Ramiro Sr. Medical Center (MHARSMC) was established in the Province of Misamis Occidental by virtue of RA No. 10865.

The MHARSMC is a 500-bed capacity medical center which provides preventive, curative, rehabilitative and training medical services to the residents of the Province of Misamis Occidental. It is also considered as a referral and affiliating hospital of the Province of Misamis Occidental and its neighboring provinces of Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur, Lanao de Norte, and Lanao del Sur. The MHARSMC delivers the health and medical needs of the people from these areas. For years, MHARSMC has been plagued with the problems of having insufficient bed capacity to cater to the growing population of the Province Misamis Occidental and the many patients coming from the neighboring provinces. The initial increase in bed capacity of the MHARSMC from One hundred (100) to Five hundred (500) beds is not sufficient anymore to comfortably accommodate its patients.

This bill therefore seeks to increase the bed capacity of MHARSMC from Five hundred (500) to One thousand (1000) beds and upgrade its services, facilities and professional health and authorize the increase of its medical personnel. The increase in MHARSMC's bed capacity will greatly benefit and better address the health needs of the people of Misamis Occidental and its neighboring provinces. It would also enable them to access world class tertiary health care and other medical services pursuant to the goals, objectives and rules of the national Health Insurance Program.

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



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AN ACT

INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF MAYOR HILARION A. RAMIRO SR. MEDICAL CENTER IN THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) TO ONE THOUSAND (1000) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICES AND FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The authorized bed capacity of the Mayor Hilarion A. Ramiro Sr. Medical Center (MHARSMC) in the Province of Misamis Occidental is hereby increased from Five hundred (500) to One thousand (1000) beds.

SEC. 2. The existing facilities and professional health care services of the MHARSMC are hereby upgraded to conform and be commensurate to the to the authorized bed capacity increase as provided for in Section 1 of this Act.

SEC. 3. The plantilla of employees of the MHARSMC shall also be

1 increased correspondingly commensurate to the increased in its authorized bed
2 capacity. The Secretary of Health shall, in coordination with the Secretary of
3 Budget and Management, Commissioner of the Civil Service Commission, and
4 Medical Center Chief of MHARSMC, determine the additional plantilla
5 positions to be created and filled up pursuant to this Act.

6 SEC. 4. The increase in bed capacity of the MHARSMC from Five
7 hundred (500) to One thousand (1000) beds shall be implemented for a period
8 of not more than two (2) years from the approval of this Act.

9 SEC. 5. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the
10 Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which
11 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

12 SEC. 6. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the
13 Secretary of Health in consultation with the Secretary of the DBM, shall
14 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation
15 of this Act.

16 SEC. 7. Republic Act No. 10865 otherwise known as the "*Mayor*
17 *Hilarion A. Ramiro Sr. Medical Center Act*" is hereby amended and all laws,
18 rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed,
19 amended or modified accordingly.

20 SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
21 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

22 Approved,