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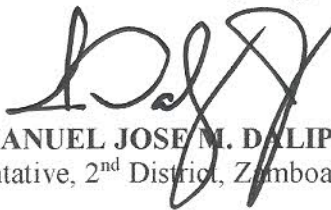
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Zamboanga City Medical Center (ZCMC) was created under Republic Act 7272 as the principal hospital facility of Region IX with a minimum bed capacity of two hundred fifty (250). By virtue of Republic Act 10613 enacted on August 28, 2013, the bed capacity of ZCMC was increased to five hundred (500).

After three years, there is a crucial need to increase ZCMC bed capacity from five hundred (500) to eight hundred (800) in order to meet the ever increasing population of the city and the region as a whole including the growing demand for affordable and quality health care. Further, ZCMC needs to upgrade the current general service facilities and professional health care services including the creation of additional staff positions of ZCMC in order to conform with the increase in bed capacity.

Geographically, the Zamboanga City Medical Center is strategically located; hence its accessibility is a major consideration not only to the residents of Zamboanga City but to the entire Western Mindanao Region and ARMM provinces.

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



**MANUEL JOSE M. DALIPE**  
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**AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE ZAMBOANGA CITY  
MEDICAL CENTER FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) TO EIGHT HUNDRED (800),  
UPGRADING ITS GENERAL SERVICE FACILITIES, 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:*

**SEC. 1.** The authorized bed capacity of the Zamboanga City Medical Center is hereby increased from five hundred (500) to eight hundred (800) beds.

**SEC. 2.** The current general service facilities and professional health care services of the Zamboanga City Medical Center are hereby upgraded to conform with the bed capacity increase as provided for under Section 1 of this Act.

**SEC. 3.** The Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and the Zamboanga City Medical Center, shall determine the additional staff positions to be created pursuant to this Act.

**SEC. 4.** The increase in bed capacity of the Zamboanga City Medical Center from five hundred (500) to eight hundred (800) beds shall be implemented for a period of not more than three (3) years from the approval of this Act.

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

**SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,