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HOUSE BILL NO. 3022



Introduced by **Hon. WILTER "SHARKY" WEE PALMA II**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

As the population of the Philippines reached the 106 million mark in 2018, the number of people needing medical care rises along with it. However, as it stands, the public health sector in the Philippines could not keep up with the rapid rise of the population. In fact, the Philippine Statistics Authority, the current hospital bed to population ratio is 1 bed per 1,000 people. That is 200 people more than the standard 1:800 ratio as cited by the Department of Health.

The lack of bed capacity in various public hospitals within the country is a major concern because of its negative implications towards providing efficient and quality service for our citizens. With this, the lack of bed capacity in public hospitals would remain as one of the biggest burdens of public health institutions as these facilities would be constantly driven to a corner predominantly by the rapid rise of population. As a result of this, these hospitals would then be burdened by experiencing occupancy rates exceeding 100% which would greatly affect the overall performance of these institutions.

As it stands, a DOH-run hospital could only address this problem through the introduction of proper legislation. On the other hand, given the bureaucratic nature of the system, the act of increasing the bed capacity of each DOH-run hospital may only be done if there is a legislation advocating its increase. At its very core, this bill aims to eradicate this substantial process in order to address the healthcare needs of our citizens in its entirety. Moreover, the rapid rise of

population together with the inherent structural problems within the public health sector, the government would not have enough time to properly conduct measures to alleviate this problem.

In light of this, in order to ensure that these public hospitals would improve their quality of service, this bill aims to authorize the DOH to set and approve the bed capacity of all DOH Hospitals. In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH)
TO SET AND APPROVE THE BED CAPACITY OF
ALL DOH HOSPITALS

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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the “DOH Hospital Bed Capacity
2 Rationalization Act.”
- 3 **SEC. 2.** This Act shall streamline the process of approving changes in the
4 authorized bed capacities of all Department of Health (DOH) hospitals.
- 5 **SEC. 3.** Authority is hereby granted to the DOH to adjust and approve the
6 authorized bed capacities of all DOH hospitals. Thereafter, the DOH shall, through
7 an administrative order, determine the bed capacities of DOH government
8 hospitals, subject to specific guidelines that shall be issued and promulgated,
9 within three (3) months after the enactment of this Act.

10 **SEC. 4.** The DOH shall provide Congress, through the Committee on Health
11 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health and Demography
12 of the Senate, an annual report of hospitals with approved bed capacity, along
13 with the necessary funding requirements.

14 **SEC. 5.** The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department's programs
15 the funding requirements for the increase in bed capacity of each of the hospital
16 in accordance with the Philippine Hospital Development Plan and the
17 Modernization/Development Plan of each hospital, the funding of which shall be
18 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

19 **SEC. 6.** The DOH shall formulate the rules and regulations to implement this
20 Act within ninety (90) days of its effectivity.

21 **SEC. 7.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts
22 thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or
23 modified accordingly.

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

26 Approved,
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