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4142 HOUSE BILL NO.



Introduced by HON. EDGAR M. CHATTO

First District, Bohol

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend Republic Act No. 6781 and upgrade the Congressman Natalio P. Castillo, Sr. Memorial Hospital (CNCMH), located in the Municipality of Loon, Province of Bohol, by increasing its bed capacity from its current twenty-five (25) to one hundred (100).

CNCMH is a district hospital which services Loon and other neighboring municipalities. It serves as a major health service provider in the first district of the province with the considerable increase in the number of patients coming to the said medical facility.

The magnitude 7.2 earthquake that hit the province of Bohol last October 15, 2013 completely destroyed the hospital including the adjoining newly constructed building and rendering the same absolutely unserviceable. Loon was worst hit municipality by the earthquake. As a result, patients injured by the earthquake as well as in-patients in the hospital, at that time, were endorsed to various hospitals.

With the full restoration and rehabilitation of the hospital after the earthquake, it is now - more than ever - that the increase in bed capacity, upgrade in its facilities, services and provision of additional plantilla personnel is very much a necessity.

In the light of the foregoing, the early passage of this bill is strongly recommended.

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"AN ACT

INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE CONGRESSMAN NATALIO P. CASTILLO, SR. MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (CNCMH) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, FROM TWENTY FIVE (25) TO ONE HUNDRED (100) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE IN ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6781, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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

- **SECTION 1. Title.** This Act shall be known as the "Congressman Natalio P. Castillo, Sr. Memorial Hospital Upgrading Act of 2019".
- SEC. 2. Increase in Authorized Bed Capacity. The authorized bed capacity of Congressman Natalio P. Castillo, Sr. Memorial Hospital (CNCMH) is hereby increased from twenty five (25) to one hundred (100) beds.
- SEC. 3. Upgrade of Existing Professional Health Care Services, Facilities and Medical Personnel. - The existing service facilities and professional health care services of the CNCMH are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in authorized bed capacity as provided in Section 1 hereof.

The CNCMH shall submit to the Department of Health (DOH) its proposed development plan and the additional clinical departments and special units it requires to meet the increased authorized bed capacity. The DOH, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management, the Civil Service Commission and the CNCMH, shall determine the number of additional plantilla positions to be created pursuant to this Act.

SEC. 4. Implementation. - The increase in bed capacity of the Congressman Natalio P. Castillo, Sr. Memorial Hospital from twenty five (25) to one hundred (100) beds shall be implemented for a period of not more than two (2) years from the approval of this Act.

- **SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** The DOH, in coordination with concerned local government officials, shall promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.
- **SEC. 6. Appropriations.** The Provincial Government of Bohol shall provide the necessary funds to support the increase in bed capacity of the CNCMH as well as the corresponding upgrading of its facilities, services and medical personnel. The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department's subsidy program its support for the capital outlay of the hospital.
- **SEC. 7. Separability Clause.** If for any reason, any part of provision of this Act is declared invalid, such declaration shall not affect other provisions of this Act.
- **SEC. 8. Repealing Clause** Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.
- **SEC. 9. Effectivity Clause.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,