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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. _____



Introduced by **Representative CELSO L. LOBREGAT**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend Republic Act No. 10613 by increasing the bed capacity of the Zamboanga City Medical Center (ZCMC), from five hundred (500) to eight hundred (800) bed capacity.

The Zamboanga City Medical Center (ZCMC) started as a General Hospital on September 01, 1918. On March 24, 1992, through Republic Act No. 7272, the hospital was converted to Zamboanga City Medical Center, upgrading it from two hundred (200) to two hundred fifty (250) bed capacity hospital. The ZCMC serves as the principal hospital facility of Region IX, Western Mindanao and ARMM.


Thereafter, by virtue of Republic Act No. 10613 enacted on August 28, 2013, the bed capacity of ZCMC was increased from two hundred fifty (250) to five hundred (500).

As of June 2016, the Average Bed Occupancy Rate in ZCMC is 120.12%, thus, there is a recognized need to increase the bed capacity from five hundred (500) to eight hundred (800), in order to meet the rapid increase of population of the city and the region as a whole.

This health facility is committed to the development of specialized health care services in the region and the island provinces of Basilan, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi. Further, ZCMC has also been designated as cancer center and kidney center for Western Mindanao.

Consequently, its existing service facilities, professional health care services and personnel also need to be upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to its existing bed capacity.

Thus, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

**AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10613 BY INCREASING THE BED
CAPACITY OF 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 the House of Representatives of the
Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SEC. 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 10613 is hereby amended to
read as follows:

**“SEC. 1. The Medical Center shall serve as the principal hospital
facility of Region IX. It shall have an increase in bed capacity from five
hundred (500) to eight hundred (800). The increase in bed capacity shall
be implemented for a period of not more than two (2) years from the
approval of this Act.”**

SEC. 2. 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. 3. 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,