

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. **5025**



Introduced by Representative **SHAREE ANN T. TAN**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the hospital beds of Samar Provincial Hospital located in the City of Catbalogan, Province of Samar, from one hundred (100) beds to two hundred twenty (220) beds.

Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates that, "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them." Another provision in the Constitution which mandates the efficient delivery of health care services to the people is found in Article XIII, Section 11 which states 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 an 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."

Hence, it is the obligation of the State to enhance its delivery of health services to the people. The State must endeavor to make health care services available to the people at an affordable cost.

The Samar Provincial Hospital is a 100-bed capacity government hospital. It caters to the medical and health needs of the people in the Province of Samar. Through the years, the Samar Provincial Hospital's number of patients admitted has substantially increased. The hospital is already running way below of its bed capacity. Thus, the 100-bed capacity hospital can no longer adequately accommodate the increasing number of patients admitted to it.

Accordingly, increasing its bed capacity to two hundred twenty (220) beds will greatly benefit the people of the Province of Samar considering the increased number of patients that the hospital will be able to accommodate. Likewise, the upgrade of its facilities and augmentation of its personnel would provide a more effective and efficient delivery of health care services to the people consistent with the mandate of the Constitution.

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



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AN ACT FURTHER INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE SAMAR PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF CATBALOGAN, PROVINCE OF SAMAR, FROM 100 TO 220 BEDS, UPGRADING THE SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE THEREIN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. The authorized bed capacity of Samar Provincial Hospital in the Municipality of Catbalogan, Province of Samar, is hereby increased to 220 beds.

SECTION 2. The sum of Eight Hundred Sixty Million Four Hundred One Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Eight Pesos and Seventy-Nine Centavos (Php 860,401,858.79) is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the operation and maintenance of said hospital during the fiscal year 2020. Thereafter, such sum as may be needed for its operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services of the Samar Provincial Hospital are also hereby upgraded and increased to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity.

SECTION 4. Upon prior consultation with the Samar Provincial Hospital, the Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission, determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up in the workforce of the Samar Provincial Hospital.

SECTION 5. All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,