

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City



EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS  
First Regular Session

**HOUSE BILL NO. 0495**

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Introduced by **REP. RAUL V. DEL MAR**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center (VSMMC) located at B. Rodriguez Street, Cebu City from One Thousand Two Hundred (1,200) beds to One Thousand Five Hundred (1,500) Beds.

VSMMC is a general tertiary medical center teaching training medical facility owned by the Philippine Government. It aims to provide health care services that are available, affordable, accessible and acceptable to all regardless of social status.

On June 22, 1998 Republic Act No. 8658 principally authored by Rep. Raul V. Del Mar was enacted increasing the bed capacity of VSMMC from 400 to 800 beds. Subsequently, Republic Act No. 10770 principally authored again by Rep. Del Mar increasing the bed capacity of VSMMC from 800 to 1200 bed capacity and appropriating funds therefor was enacted on April 26, 2016. As of today, VSMMC admits more than 1,314 patients per day and with an average of 1,350 patients daily at the Out Patient Department (OPD).

Presently, the VSMMC is implementing its new direction with the development of Specialty and Sub-specialties under the different clinical departments.

The Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center (VSMMC) is the Mega Multi Specialty Hospital of the Visayas with various services in Anesthesia; General Cardiovascular, Neurological, Plastic and Reconstructive, Urology, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, Otorhinolaryngology and Kidney Transplant Surgeries; Center for Behavioral Sciences; Internal Medicine; Cardiac Catheterization; Obstetrics and Gynecology; Pediatrics; Emergency Medicine; Rehabilitation Medicine; Outpatient Services; Family Medicine; Blood Center; Pathology; Radiology; Health Profession Education; and Nursing Services. With various Specialty Centers catering to Heart-Lung Center, Kidney Transplant Center, Oncology Center, Trauma Center, Burn Treatment Centers, Orthopedic Center, Eye Center, Women's Health Center (CECAP), Center for Infectious Disease and Tropical Medicine, Diabetes Control Center, Biomarine Poisoning and Toxicology Center, Geriatric Center, Supportive Hospice and Palliative Medicine, Neonatology Center, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Center.

In view of the strategic location, the expanding needs of VSMMC and the desire to provide an efficient and effective delivery of health services to the public in Cebu City, Province of Cebu and the rest of the Visayas and provinces in Mindanao fronting the island of Cebu, the approval of this measure is earnestly requested.



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**AN ACT**  
**INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF VICENTE SOTTO MEMORIAL**  
**MEDICAL CENTER, LOCATED IN CEBU CITY, FROM ONE THOUSAND**  
**TWO HUNDRED (1,200) TO ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (1,500)**  
**BED CAPACITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE**

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

**SECTION 1.** The bed capacity of Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center is hereby increased from one thousand two Hundred (1,200) to one thousand five hundred (1,500) beds.

**SEC. 2.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

**SEC. 3.** The Department of Health is directed to implement this Act.

**SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,