not only of tourists, but residents as well.

Improved in order to address the growing need for sufficient medical care, the district hospital is therefore, imperative that the condition of the district hospital and emergency cases which cannot be responded to adequately by the existing facilities are not only the pristine beaches and crystal clear waters but also accidents at sea, not only on the one side of the district hospital. Thus, in the news.

For the first half of 2018 alone, Siargao Island received a total of 163,245 tourists. This number is expected to significantly increase this year.

Supply officer, and janitors.

pharmacist, and less than twenty (20) nurses. It also needs 1 (1) regular doctor, including the Chief of Hospital. Only one (I) of the hospital’s biggest concern is the lack of personnel and manpower. It has only a capacity of sixty (60) Utilization for the year, however, due to insufficient funds, the Siargao del Norte, was meant to be a Local 1 General Hospital with a bed capacity of fifty (50). Unfortunately, however, due to insufficient funds, the

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The Seventh Congress recognized the importance of this bill and passed a similar measure on Third Reading on 21 January 2019. Thus, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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number of medical personnel shall be correspondingly increased. The services of the Siquijor Island Medical Center are hereby upgraded to the increase in bed capacity. The Secretary of the Department of Health (DOH) shall implement the increase in bed capacity of the Siquijor Island Medical Center within a period of five (5) years from the approval of this act.

4. The authorized bed capacity of the Siquijor Island Medical Center is hereby increased from fifty (50) to one hundred (100) beds.

1. The Siquijor District Hospital in the Municipality of Dapa, Province of Surigao del Norte, is hereby upgraded into a Level IV General Hospital to be known as the Siquijor Island Medical Center.

2. Be known as the Siquijor Island Medical Center.

AN ACT

Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

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SEC. 3. 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. 4. Within sixty (60) days after the approval of this Act, the
DOH shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective
implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. All laws, decrees, executive orders and other presidential
isuances which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed,
amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general
circulation.