The authorized bed capacity of the medical center is hereby increased from fifty (50) to one hundred (100) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the Medical Center Chief of the SIMC and submitted to the DOH to reflect the development goals of the hospital.

SEC. 2. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the SIMC are also hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as provided for in Section 1 hereof.

SEC. 3. The existing workforce of the SIMC, including doctors, nurses and support personnel shall be correspondingly increased to conform with Section 1 of this Act.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the DOH 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. 5. If any provision of this Act may be declared invalid or inoperable, the remaining provisions hereof that are not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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