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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 777



Introduced by HON. MA. THERESA V. COLLANTES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the hospital bed of Laurel Memorial District Hospital in Tanauan City, Batangas from Twenty-Five (25) beds to Fifty (50) beds.

The 1987 Philippine Constitution greatly promotes the right of people to proper health care. This is specifically indicates in Article II, Section 15 provision of the Constitution "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill consciousness among them". It was again mentioned in the Article XIII, Section 11 the importance of providing health care to the people by the Government, which states "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 people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the under-privileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children."

It is imperative that we address this immediate need to upgrade our hospitals in order to cater the necessary health care needs of our people. Due to the increasing hospital occupancy rate, the local government cannot sustain the increasing demand of the patients for hospital facilities and professionals. We don't want them staying in the hallways of the hospital while recuperating from illness or injury and/or waiting to be attended to by physicians. We want them to recover the soonest possible through best hospital facilities and professionals.

In order to meet these demands, it is important that the government provides adequate support through modernization and upgrading of hospitals.

Hence, the urgent need to improve the health care services of the Laurel Memorial District Hospital by increasing its hospital bed from 25 to 50, upgrading its facilities and professional health care.

The passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE LAUREL MEMORIAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL FROM TWENTY FIVE (25) TO FIFTY (50) 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 Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. The authorized bed capacity of the Laurel Memorial District Hospital in Tanauan City, Batangas is hereby increased from Twenty Five (25) to Fifty (50).

SEC. 2. Existing service facilities and professional health care services are also hereby upgraded to conform with and commensurate to the bed capacity increase as provided in Section 1 as above-cited.

SEC. 3. The existing workforce of the Laurel Memorial District Hospital shall also be correspondingly increased. The Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission, shall determine the additional positions to be created and filled up upon consultation with the Laurel Memorial District Hospital.

SEC. 4. The increase in bed capacity of the Laurel Memorial District Hospital from Twenty Five (25) to Fifty (50) beds shall be implemented for a period of not more than three (3) years from the approval of this Act.

SEC. 5. 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.

Approved.