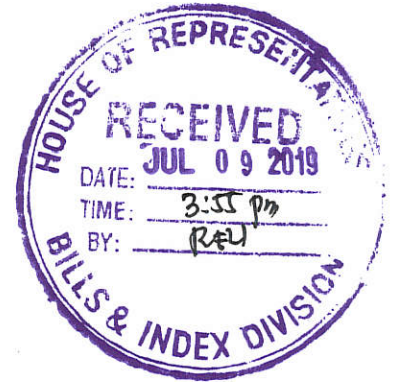


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 1776



Introduced by Representative Sandra Y. Eriguel

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill, which is entitled "AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE ROSARIO DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROSARIO, PROVINCE OF LA UNION FROM TWENTY-FIVE (25) TO FIFTY (50) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, was approved by the House of Representatives in the 16th Congress. However, the Bill was not enacted into law due to lack of time. For this reason, this Bill is being refiled.

The Rosario District Hospital is a Level II hospital established in 1972. The increasing population in the district as well as the distances between existing hospitals renders necessary the upgrading of the said hospital.

According to the "Principles and Sets of Criteria for Evaluating Proposals for Establishing New Hospitals, Increasing Hospital Bed Capacity, Renationalization of Devolved Hospitals and Conversion of Hospital Category" issued by the Department of Health on September 10, 2013, local government units and other population groups in the Philippines are recommended to have and maintain at least one (1) hospital bed for every 1,000 population.

In the case of Rosario, La Union, its population reached 52,679 in the 2010 census, and it has a projected population of 59,159 for year 2016. Aside from this, the hospital also serves the municipalities of Santo Tomas and Pugo in La Union, as well as the neighboring municipalities of Sison, Pozorrubio and San Fabian in Pangasinan. The hospital also serves four (4) out of the thirteen (13) barangays in the Municipality of Tuba in Benguet.

All in all, Rosario District Hospital serves an estimated total population of 180,000. More importantly, the bed occupancy rate in year 2015 already reached 151.86% which proves that the present bed capacity is no longer enough to serve the people's needs.

The Rosario District Hospital is steadfast in its goal of providing quality health care to the people of La Union and the nearby provinces. It is therefore very crucial that the Hospital be able to increase its bed capacity, upgrade its services and facilities, and employ more medical personnel.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra Y. Eriguel".

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THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The authorized bed capacity of the Rosario District Hospital in the Municipality of Rosario, Province of La Union is hereby increased from twenty-five (25) to fifty (50) beds.

SEC. 2. The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services of the Rosario District Hospital shall, as far as practicable, be correspondingly upgraded to include the increase in the number of medical personnel. The Department of Health, in coordination with the concerned local government officials, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.

SEC. 3. The increase in bed capacity of the Rosario District Hospital from twenty-five (25) to fifty (50) shall be implemented for a period of not more than two (2) years from the approval of this Act.

SEC. 4. The Provincial Government of La Union shall provide the necessary funds to support the increase in bed capacity of the Rosario District Hospital and the corresponding upgrading of its facilities and services. The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department's subsidy program its support for the capital outlay requirements of the hospital.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,