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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2478**

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Introduced by  
**Honorable DAVID C. SUAREZ and**  
**Honorable ANNA MARIE VILLARAZA-SUAREZ**

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to convert the Quezon Medical Center in the Province of Quezon from secondary into a tertiary hospital and regional training center for doctors, nurses, medical technologists, midwives, radiologists, pharmacists and allied professions which shall be placed under the supervision and control of the Department of Health.

*Section 11, Article XIII of the Constitution* provides that "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development that shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all people at all cost."

Furthermore, *Section 15, Article II of the Constitution* provides that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill consciousness among them."

Hence, it is then the obligation of the State to enhance the delivery of health services to the people.

The Quezon Medical Center caters to the medical and health needs of the people in the Province of Quezon. Converting the hospital to a tertiary hospital with an increased bed capacity will provide better health services. Upgraded and efficient facilities which will emphasize preventive care will be readily available for the patients.

Last year (2018), the Provincial Government of Quezon Province provided medical equipment and facilities worth P30 million to Quezon Medical Center (QMC) to accommodate the influx of patients that has surpassed the hospital bed capacity imposed by the Department of Health (DOH).

The Quezon Medical Center only has 200-bed capacity but has 600 daily occupancies as of 2018. The OB ward has more than 200 patients already.

Increasing its bed capacity to seven hundred (700) beds will greatly benefit the people of the province and nearby areas considering the additional number of patients that the hospital will be able to accommodate. It will also result in a decrease in the mortality rate in the province.

In view of the foregoing, early passage of the bill is urgently sought.



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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE QUEZON MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL FROM SECONDARY TO TERTIARY LEVEL HOSPITAL AND REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER UNDER THE FULL ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) TO SEVEN HUNDRED (700), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**SECTION 1.** The Quezon Medical Center is hereby converted from secondary to tertiary hospital and regional training center doctors, nurses, medical technologists, midwives, radiologists, pharmacists and allied professions under the direct supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

**SECTION 2.** The authorized bed capacity of the Quezon Medical Center in the Province of Quezon is hereby increased from two hundred (200) to seven hundred (700) beds.

**SECTION 3.** The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services of the Quezon Medical Center are hereby upgraded and increased commensurate to the increase in bed capacity. The number of medical personnel shall be correspondingly increased.

**SECTION 4.** The Provincial Government of Quezon shall continue to provide the necessary funds to support the increase in bed capacity of the Quezon Medical Center Hospital and the corresponding upgrading of its facilities and services until such time that the DOH shall have fully funded the capital outlay requirements of the hospital and its operating expenses in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 5.** Within sixty (60) days, the Secretary of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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

Approved,