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HOUSE BILL NO. 3606

Introduced by Hon. Josephine Y. Ramirez Sato

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Accessible quality health service is critical to the quality of life for any province. More so, for an island province such as Occidental Mindoro. The San Jose District Hospital, first established in June 15, 1968 as an Emergency Hospital through Republic Act No. 5221, has become an important pillar for medical services within the province of Occidental Mindoro and within the MIMAROPA Region.

Not only does the San Jose District Hospital (SJDH) serve the municipality of San Jose, it also caters to those in need from the municipalities of Magsaysay, Rizal and Calintaan. The total combined population of these municipalities is estimated at 247,535 (in 2015). Furthermore, SJDH serves as the catchment facility for patients from the neighboring islands of Palawan, and from the municipality of Caluya, Antique.

From being an emergency hospital, SJDH is now the only Level 1 hospital with a fifty (50) bed capacity within southern Occidental Mindoro that can perform major surgical procedures with the nearest alternative Level 1 hospital good four (4) hours away.

There is an urgent requirement to address the growing demand for quality medical services among the service area of the San Jose District Hospital. For 2018 alone, the Bed Occupancy Rate of SJDH is at 147.78 percent. For the same year, the hospital served 14,336 out patients, 13, 656 emergency cases and 26,969 admissions. With its increasing load, SJDH resources, its fifty (50) bed capacity and 69 full time personnel, are being stretched beyond its limits. SJDH, while valiant in its effort in meeting the needs of its every patient, is and will continue to be overwhelmed.

This bill seeks, therefore, to increase the bed capacity of the San Jose District Hospital ^{from} ~~for~~ fifty (50) to two hundred (200). Further, the bill seeks for the appropriate upgrading of personnel and facilities of SJDH. For the continued provision of quality health care of the San Jose District Hospital, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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An Act Increasing the Bed Capacity of the San Jose District Hospital in the Municipality of San Jose, Province of Occidental Mindoro from Fifty (50) to Two Hundred (200) Beds, and Appropriating Funds 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 San Jose District Hospital (SJDH) in the Municipality of San Jose, Province of Occidental Mindoro, is hereby increased from Fifty (50) to Two Hundred (200).

SECTION 2. Existing hospital 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.

SECTION 3. The existing medical personnel of the SJDH shall 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 plantilla positions to be created and filled up upon prior consultation with the SJDH.

SECTION 4. 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.

SECTION 5. Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, The Secretary of Health in consultation with the Secretary of Budget and Management, 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 two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,