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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. _____



Introduced by Hon. Jesus "Bong" C. Suntay and Hon. Anthony Peter "Onyx" D. Crisologo

AN ACT
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF EAST AVENUE
MEDICAL CENTER FROM 600 TO 1,000 BEDS, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of the East Avenue Medical Center from six hundred (600) to one thousand (1,000) beds.

The strength of the National Government is gauged by the efficiency of its local government units and institutions. Thus, it is critical to encourage these government bodies to continuously improve by providing them with the support that they need. Health service is one of the most crucial basic social services that people frequently need. However, it is also one of the greatest challenges that ordinary people have to confront with because of its prohibitive cost.

True to its mission, East Avenue Medical Center relentlessly aims to provide quality service to its marginalized patients. Almost 90% of their clientele are indigent, mostly coming from various districts in Metro Manila and other neighbouring provinces. It hopes to further expand its reach and cater to more stakeholders that need medical attention. Providing the said institution with more resources would aid in achieving better health outcome for many Filipino citizens.

The above premise considered, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF EAST AVENUE MEDICAL
CENTER, FROM SIX HUNDRED (600) TO ONE THOUSAND (1,000)
BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

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SECTION 1. *Reiteration of Policy.* The policy of the state to “adopt integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavour to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all people at affordable cost” is hereby reiterated.

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SECTION 2. *Augmentation of Bed Capacity.* The bed capacity of the East Avenue Medical Center is hereby augmented from six hundred (600) to one thousand (1,000) beds.

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SECTION 3. *Upgrading of Current Service Facilities and Professional Health Care Services.* The existing hospital facilities, professional health care services and health human resource of the East Avenue Medical Center are hereby upgraded to adhere to the augmentation in its bed capacity. The Department of Health, the Civil Service Commission, and the EAMC shall identify the facility needs and its operational requirement distinguishing the supplemental *plantilla* positions

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SECTION 4. *Appropriation.* The Secretary of Health 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.

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SECTION 5. *Implementation.* The addition in bed capacity of the EAMC shall be implemented for a period of not more than one (1) year from the approval of this Act.

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SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* If any of the sections or provisions of this Act is held invalid, all other provisions not affected shall remain valid.

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SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* all laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or other issuances or parts thereof contrary to inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved, _____