

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4290



Introduced by HONORABLE PABLO C. ORTEGA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of Ilocos Training and Regional Medical Center (ITRMC) from three hundred (300) to eight hundred (800) beds.

This is pursuant to the Constitutional mandate of the Senate to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

The Ilocos Training and Regional Medical Center (ITRMC) is a three hundred (300) bed capacity Tertiary Medical and Training Center with Medical Ancillary Services and a retained hospital under the national government. The hospital serves clients from the City of San Fernando and its neighboring provinces of Ilocos and Pangasinan. ITRMC is a premiere, referral center in the North of Luzon affiliated in all service specializations as well as in the Bureau of Health Facilities. It is also a recognized training institution within the ambit of medical and health care education.

For seventy-four (74) years, ITRMC has been committed to promote excellent health care services. Presently, it caters more than ninety percent (90%) indigent patients including Philhealth member patients. Every year, the hospital exceeds its bed occupancy due to its volume of admission. In 2016, its bed occupancy rate has reached 108.45% with a total admission of 23,233. In 2018, it exceeded 121.09% of its occupancy rate with a total admission of 28,351.

As of June 2019, the bed occupancy rate of ITRMC has reached to 127.95% with total in-patients of 15,179.

To further enhance its capability of delivering public health services, there is an urgent need for the increase of its bed capacity.

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


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**AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF ILOCOS TRAINING AND
REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER FROM THREE HUNDRED (300) TO EIGHT
HUNDRED (800) 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 Ilocos Training and Regional Medical Center (ITRMC) in the City of San Fernando, La Union is hereby increased from three hundred (300) to eight hundred (800) beds.

SEC. 2. The existing service facilities and professional health care services of ITRMC are hereby upgraded to confirm with and commensurate to the bed capacity increase as provided for in Section 1 thereof.

SEC. 3. The existing workforce of ITRMC 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 plantilla positions to be created and filled up upon prior consultation with the ITRMC.

SEC. 4. The increase in bed capacity of the ITRMC from Three Hundred (300) to Eight Hundred (800) beds shall be implemented for a period of not more than four (4) years from the approval of this Act.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's programs the implementation of the Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved.