



Republic of the Philippines  
**House of Representatives**  
Quezon City, Metro Manila



Eighteenth Congress  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4330

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**Introduced by HON. YASSER ALONTO BALINDONG**

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**AN ACT**  
**INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE DR. SERAPIO B. MONTAÑER, JR. MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MALABANG, SECOND DISTRICT OF LANAOS DEL SUR, FROM A 25-BED CAPACITY INTO A 100- BED CAPACITY, UPGRADING OF ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**


### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill is seeking to increase the bed capacity of the Dr. Serapio B. Montañer Jr. Memorial Hospital in Malabang, Lanao del Sur from a 25-bed capacity, into a 100 bed-capacity, including the upgrading of medical staff, medical equipments and all its facilities, was already approved on third reading by the House of Representatives, but remained pending in the Senate when the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress adjourned. Hence, it is my privilege to refile this bill which will truly help my constituents with their medical needs.

For so many years, the Dr. Serapio B. Montañer Jr. Memorial Hospital, formerly called the Malabang District Hospital located in Brgy. Mabul, Malabang, Lanao del Sur, has been servicing the citizenry of Malabang, Balabagan, Kapatagan, Morogong and Picong in the second district of Lanao del Sur, as well as people from all over the province of Lanao. However, no congressional support has ever been given to the hospital. Despite this neglect, the hospital and its staff continue to provide the best they can for hospital care and services; but with the overwhelming influx of sick, elderly and new born patients, the hospital cannot cope anymore with its meager funding and 25-bed capacity.

Presently, this 25-bed capacity has a bed occupancy rate of more than 400%, and almost all are indigent patients relying only on government for their medical needs.

To ensure that the hospital shall be able to provide meaningful health services to the people of the second district of Lanao del Sur, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

**SECTION 1.** The authorized bed capacity of the Dr. Serapio B. Montañer Jr. Memorial Hospital in Lanao del Sur is hereby increased from twenty-five (25) to one hundred (100) beds.

**SEC 2.** The existing professional health care services and facilities of the Dr. Serapio B. Montañer Jr. Memorial Hospital are hereby upgraded to conform and be commensurate to the increase in its authorized bed capacity as provided for in Sec. 1 hereof.

**SEC 3.** The existing work force of the Dr. Serapio B. Montañer Jr. Memorial Hospital shall be correspondingly increased. The Department of Health shall, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and Civil Service Commission, and after consultation with the Dr. Serapio B. Montañer Jr. Memorial Hospital, determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up.

**SEC 4.** The increase in bed capacity of the Dr. Serapio B. Montañer Jr. Memorial Hospital from 25 to one hundred (100) beds shall be implemented for a period of not more than two (2) years from the approval of this Act.

**SEC 5.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the hospital shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SEC 6.** The Secretary of Health shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

**SEC 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*