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**4763**  
**HOUSE BILL NO.** \_\_\_\_\_



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Introduced by **REP. JOSE FRANCISCO "KIKO" B. BENITEZ, Ph.D.**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The 1987 Constitution guarantees the protection and promotion of the right to health of the people (Section 15, Article II). Accordingly, the State shall endeavor to make health services available to all people at affordable cost (Sec. 11, Art. XIII).

The delivery of timely, quality and affordable health services, however, is hampered by the lack of government healthcare facilities and human resources which may lead to tragic loss of life.

The Teresita Lopez Jalandoni Provincial Hospital in Silay City, Negros Occidental is witness to this miserable condition. The Hospital's authorized bed capacity is one hundred (100) beds; however, based on data from the Hospital, its bed occupancy rate<sup>1</sup> in 2018 was three hundred percent (300%) higher than its capacity.

The number of inpatients in the same year totaled 22,014, or sixty (60) patients admitted every day, staying for five (5) days on average.

Clearly, the Teresita Lopez Jalandoni Provincial Hospital urgently needs an augmentation in its facilities and personnel to meet the high demand for healthcare in the Province of Negros Occidental and prevent the unnecessary loss of life.

Increasing its authorized bed capacity, upgrading its facilities and hiring additional personnel will greatly help the Hospital to adequately address the healthcare needs of Negrenses, enabling them to fulfill their full productive potential.

In view of this, this representation earnestly seeks the immediate approval of this measure.

  
**REP. JOSE FRANCISCO "KIKO" B. BENITEZ, Ph.D.**

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<sup>1</sup> Bed occupancy rate is the percentage of inpatient beds occupied over a period of time. It is a measure of the intensity of hospital resources utilized by inpatients.

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AN ACT

INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE TERESITA LOPEZ JALANDONI PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF SILAY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL FROM ONE HUNDRED (100) TO THREE HUNDRED (300) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, 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 the Teresita Lopez Jalandoni Provincial Hospital in the City of Silay, Province of Negros Occidental, is hereby increased from One Hundred (100) to Three Hundred (300) beds.

SEC. 2. The existing service facilities and professional health care services of the Teresita Lopez Jalandoni Provincial Hospital are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the bed capacity increase as provided in Section 1 hereof.

SEC. 3. The Teresita Lopez Jalandoni Provincial Hospital, through its Board of Trustees, is hereby authorized to increase and hire additional employees corresponding to the upgrading of its services and facilities and increase in bed capacity. The Chief of Hospital of the Teresita Lopez Jalandoni Provincial Hospital, shall coordinate with the Department of Health, the Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission for the efficient and effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. The increase in bed capacity of the Teresita Lopez Jalandoni Provincial Hospital from One Hundred (100) to Three Hundred (300) beds shall be implemented for a period of not more than three (3) years from the approval of this Act.

SEC. 5. 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.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,