



Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

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Second Regular Session

**HOUSE BILL NO. 8297**

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Introduced by Honorable Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of Garcia Memorial Provincial Hospital (GMPH) in Talibon, Bohol from 75 bed capacity to 300 bed capacity.

Article II of the Philippine Constitution provides that:

“Sec. 11. The State shall adapt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavour to make essential goods, health and other social services available to the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority For the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children, the state shall endeavour to provide free medical care to paupers.

The Garcia Memorial Provincial Hospital (GMPH) has been in existence since 1960. It started as an Emergency Hospital back then, with a 25 bed capacity. It has become a General Hospital under the Department of Health since 1969.

In 1982, by virtue of Batas Pambansa Blg. 177, the Talibon Emergency Hospital was renamed into the Garcia Memorial Provincial Hospital and became a 75-bed capacity Level II hospital.

In the year 2000, the DOH, adopting new standards, reclassified the GMPH into a Level I hospital up to the present.

In 2010, the hospital underwent accreditation with PhilHealth and garnered a Center for Safety

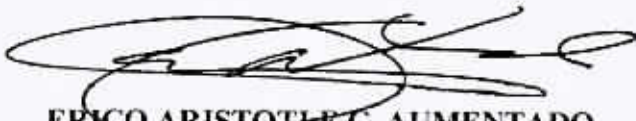
The GMPH is currently located in a 2-hectare government owned lot in Barangay San Jose, Municipality of Talibon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District of Bohol. It is a very ideal location for a hospital due to its spacious grounds which can accommodate additional infrastructures aimed at improving its bed capacity and facilities in the future.

In an effort to fulfil its mandate and vision of giving quality healthcare services to the people, the GMPH has constantly sought for ways to improve itself.

In 2018, the GMPH was certified with an ISO9001:2015 Quality Management System and is presently working for a level II DOH Standard accreditation.

Its most recent milestone was in July of 2019 wherein it was accredited as a Mother-Baby Friendly Hospital after passing all the requirements during its 4-day audit and inspection.

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

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**ERICO ARISTOTLE C. AUMENTADO**

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AN ACT

GRANTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE DIRECT CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THE GARCIA MEMORIAL PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TALIBON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL THEREBY INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE HOSPITAL FROM SEVENTY FIVE (75) TO THREE HUNDRED (300) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICES AND FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, 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 Department of Health shall be granted the direct control and supervision of the Garcia Memorial Provincial Hospital in the Municipality of Talibon, Province of Bohol.

Section 2. The authorized bed capacity of the Garcia Memorial Provincial Hospital in the Municipality of Talibon, Province of Bohol is hereby increased from seventy five (75) to THREE HUNDRED (300) beds.

Sec. 3. The existing services, facilities, and professional health care services of the GMPH are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the bed capacity as herein provided for.

Sec. 4. The existing workforce shall be correspondingly increased. Upon prior consultation with the GMPH, 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.

Sec. 5. The increase in bed capacity of the GMPH from SEVENTY FIVE (75) to THREE HUNDRED (300) beds shall be implemented in for a period of three (3) years from the approval of this Act.

Sec. 6. The Secretary of the Department of Health shall immediately include in the Department's programs upon the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 7. All other laws, decrees, executive orders and other administrative issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby modified. Superseded or repealed accordingly.

Sec. 8. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved,