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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 282



INTRODUCED BY REP. MAXIMO B. DALOG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the bed capacity of Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital (LHMRH) located at Abatan, Bauko, Mountain Province from One Hundred (100) beds to Two Hundred (200) beds.

The Luis Hora Regional Memorial Hospital in Abatan, Bauko, Mountain Province started as a small hospital which catered primarily to patients in the municipalities of Bauko, Tadian and Sabangan, all in Mountain Province.

With the increasing number of patients, there was a need to provide better health services and health facilities; hence, LHMRH was elevated to a seventy five (75) -bed capacity status and named Luis Hora Memorial Hospital through the enactment of BP Blg 836.

The bed capacity was again increased through RA 7445 from seventy five (75) to one hundred (100). Subsequently, the hospital was renamed Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital designating it as the Regional Hospital of the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) through RA 8413.

However, it took the Department of Health twenty years (20) and twelve (12) years to implement RA 7445 and RA 8413 respectively. It was observed, that it was only when said laws were gradually implemented that the LHMRH operated according to its implementing bed capacity and fully served patients who come and seek its services. In fact with the continued increase of patients, a number of them sometimes occupy the hallway of the different wards of the hospital because they cannot be accommodated.

Due to its strategic location and the expanding need for more effective medical services, LHMRH cater to patients not only from the different provinces of the Cordillera Administrative Region, but also patients from some municipalities in Region I.

In view of the vital role of the Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital in the efficient and effective delivery of health services to the people in the Cordillera Region and neighboring municipalities of the Ilocos Region, approval of the bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE LUIS HORA
MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL IN THE PROVINCE OF MOUNTAIN
PROVINCE, FROM ONE HUNDRED (100) BEDS TO TWO HUNDRED (200)
BEDS, UPGRADING THE SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL
HEALTH CARE THEREIN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

Sec. 1. The authorized bed capacity of the Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital (LHMRH) in the Province of Mountain Province is hereby increased from one hundred (100) to two hundred (200).

Sec. 2. Existing service facilities and professional health care services are also hereby upgraded to conform with and commensurate to the bed capacity increase as provided in Section 1 as above-cited.

Sec. 3. The existing workforce of the LHMRH 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 LHMRH.

Sec. 4. The increase in bed capacity of the LHMRH from one hundred (100) to two hundred (200) hundred beds shall be implemented for a period of not more than three (3) years from the approval of this Act.

Sec. 5. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

Sec. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,