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House Bill No. 1477

Introduced by **HON. ROBERT ACE S. BARBERS**

AN ACT
UPGRADING THE CARAGA REGIONAL HOSPITAL IN BARANGAY WASHINGTON, SURIGAO CITY, SURIGAO DEL NORTE INTO A TERTIARY LEVEL HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) TO FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the bed occupancy of Caraga Regional Hospital (CRH) located in Barangay Washington, Surigao City, Province of Surigao del Norte from one hundred fifty (150) beds to five hundred (500) beds.

The Caraga Regional Hospital caters to the medical needs of the majority of residents of Surigao City, Surigao del Norte and its neighboring provinces. It has an average occupancy rate of 169.58% – way beyond the ideal World Health Organization to standard of 85%. The current authorized bed capacity of 150 beds are inadequate to provide the hospitalization needs of the patients since CRH serves as the core referral hospital – not only to the primary and secondary catchment population of Caraga Region – but also the neighboring municipalities in the provinces of Region 8.

As the only regional DOH hospital in Caraga, it is high time to upgrade the Caraga Regional Hospital from a level 2 to a level 3 Teaching and Training Hospital to meet the health needs of the increasing population in Caraga Region and to provide quality, affordable and accessible health care services, especially the marginalized sector in the community.

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

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THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. This Caraga Regional Hospital located in Barangay Washington, Surigao City, Province of Surigao del Norte, is hereby upgraded into a tertiary level hospital and its authorized bed capacity increased from one hundred fifty (150) to five hundred (500) beds.

SEC. 2. The increase in bed capacity of the Caraga Regional Hospital from one hundred fifty (150) to five hundred (500) beds shall be implemented for a period of two (2) years from the approval of this Act.

SEC. 3. The construction and upgrading of the hospital facilities and services shall be under the direct supervision and control of the Department of Health.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Department of Health shall 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. 5. Republic Act No. 8255, entitled "An Act Converting the Surigao del Norte Provincial Hospital in Surigao City into a Regional Training Hospital to be known as Caraga Regional Hospital, and Appropriating Funds Therefor" is hereby amended accordingly.

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.