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S. B. No. 2767

SECRETARY: 

Introduced by Senator **TEOFISTO "TG" GUINGONA III**

AN ACT
INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF VICENTE SOTTO MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER, LOCATED IN CEBU CITY, FROM EIGHT HUNDRED (800) TO ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (1,200) BED CAPACITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

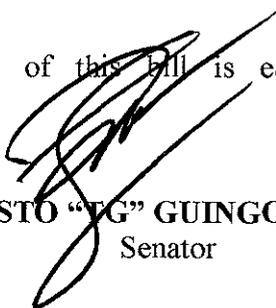
This bill seeks to increase the bed occupancy of Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center located at B. Rodriguez Street, Cebu City from Eight Hundred (800) Beds to One Thousand two Hundred (1,200) Beds.

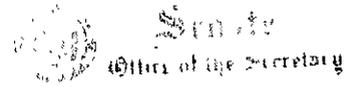
The Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center is the biggest government run medical center in Region VII. It is an 800 bed capacity hospital which does not only serve patients from Metro Cebu and the cities and the provinces of Region VII, but also patients from Region VIII and parts of Mindanao. Due to the increasing cost of medical care in private hospitals and the lack of facilities and services in government district hospitals, more and more patients flock to VSMMC. Its hospital statistical data would reveal that in the past 10 years, its occupancy rate has been steadily increasing from 100% to 121.95%.

This proposed measure go hand in hand with the Department of Health's thrust to provide universal health care to Filipinos dubbed as "Kalusugang Pangkalahatan" through health facilities enhancement to improve access to quality care.

While the Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center has continued to evolve and improve its basic and tertiary health care services to make it responsive to the changing needs of the community, its present capacity however, will prevent the Medical Center from serving its increasing number of patients, which in effect defeat the very purpose of providing universal health care to as many patients as possible.

In view of the foregoing considerations, approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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

1 **SECTION 1.** The bed capacity of Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center is hereby
2 increased from Eight Hundred (800) to One Thousand two Hundred (1,200) beds.

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4 **SEC. 2.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included
5 in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

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7 **SEC. 3.** The Department of Health is directed to implement this Act.

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9 **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2)
10 national newspapers of general circulation.

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12 Approved,