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[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 12176]

AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE TOMAS LACHICA DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JOSE ABAD SANTOS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL, FROM TWENTY-FIVE (25) TO FIFTY (50) BEDS, 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 Tomas Lachica District Hospital in the Municipality of Jose Abad Santos, Province of Davao Occidental, shall be increased from twenty-five (25) to fifty (50) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan that shall be prepared by the Chief of Hospital of the Tomas Lachica District Hospital and submitted to the Department of Health.

- SEC. 2. The existing professional healthcare services and facilities of the Tomas Lachica District Hospital shall also be upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as provided in Section 1 hereof.
- SEC. 3. The existing workforce of the Tomas Lachica District Hospital, which includes doctors, nurses, and support personnel, shall be increased correspondingly.
- SEC. 4. The Provincial Government of Davao Occidental shall provide the necessary funds to cover the maintenance and other operating expenses of the Tomas Lachica District Hospital. It shall also appropriate funds for the additional human resource complement to support the increase in bed capacity and the corresponding upgrading of its service facilities and professional healthcare services.
- SEC. 5. The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department's subsidy program, support for the capital outlay requirements of the Tomas Lachica District Hospital.
- SEC. 6. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.
- SEC. 7. All laws, executive orders, issuances, and rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
- SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO President of the Senate FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ

Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act, which originated in the House of Representatives, was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Philippines on July 30, 2024 and February 3, 2025, respectively.

KENATO N. BANTUG JR. Secretary of the Senate

REGINALD S. VELASCO Secretary General House of Representatives

Approved: APR 1 5 2025

FERDINAND ROMUALDEZ MARCOS JR.

President of the Philippines



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