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[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 12068]

AN ACT UPGRADING THE BATAAN GENERAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER IN THE CITY OF BALANGA, PROVINCE OF BATAAN, TO A MULTI-SPECIALTY HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) TO ONE THOUSAND (1,000) BEDS, 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 (DOH) is hereby mandated to upgrade the Bataan General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC), which is located in the City of Balanga, Province of Bataan, into a multi-specialty hospital.

SEC. 2. The authorized bed capacity of the BGHMC is hereby increased from five hundred (500) to one thousand (1,000) beds.

SEC. 3. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the BGHMC shall be upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the upgrading of its specialty capability and increase in bed capacity as provided for in Sections 1 and 2 hereof.

SEC. 4. The existing workforce of the BGHMC, which includes doctors, nurses, and support personnel, shall be increased correspondingly.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of Health shall, after consultation with the Medical Center Chief of the BGHMC, and in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management and the Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission, determine the additional new positions to be created.

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

SEC. 7. If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 8. All laws, executive orders, issuances, and rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. 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 on August 9, 2023, amended by the Senate of the Philippines on August 19, 2024, and which amendments were concurred in by the House of Representatives on September 4, 2024.

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Secretary of the Senate

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*Secretary General
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FERDINAND ROMUALDEZ MARCOS JR.
President of the Philippines

