

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11390, August 22, 2019]

AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE BATANGAS MEDICAL CENTER IN BATANGAS CITY, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS TO ONE THOUSAND (1,000) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES, 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 Batangas Medical Center (BatMC) in Batangas City, Province of Batangas is hereby increased from five hundred (500) beds to one thousand (1,000) beds. The Secretary of Health shall implement the increase in bed capacity of the BatMC consistent with the five (5)-year development plan of the hospital.

SEC. 2. The existing service facilities and professional health care services are also hereby upgraded through the construction of a multistorey building which may house additional operating theaters, intensive care units, rooms, wards and laboratory units.

SEC. 3. The plantilla of employees of BatMC which include doctors, nurses and support personnel shall also be increased correspondingly commensurate to the increase in its authorized bed capacity. The Secretary of Health shall, in coordination with the Secretary of Budget and Management and the Commissioner of the Civil Service Commission, and after the consultation with the Chief of BatMC, determine the additional new positions to be created and filled up.

SEC. 4. 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. 5. Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. All laws, decrees, executive orders, memorandum circulars or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,