

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8549, February 24, 1998 ]**

**AN ACT UPGRADING THE SEVENTY-FIVE (75)-BED CAPACITY  
PUERTO PRINCESA PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF  
PUERTO PRINCESA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, INTO A TERTIARY  
LEVEL HOSPITAL, INCREASING THE CAPACITY TO ONE HUNDRED  
FIFTY (150)-BED, WHICH SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE OSPITAL NG  
PALAWAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The existing seventy-five (75)-bed capacity Puerto Princesa Provincial Hospital in the City of Puerto Princesa, Province of Palawan, is hereby upgraded into a one hundred fifty (150)-bed capacity hospital to be known as the Ospital ng Palawan which shall be under the administrative and technical supervision of the Department of Health.

SEC. 2. The Department of Health shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter: Provided, That the present level of financing support for the subject hospital shall be maintained by the local government.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,

**(Sgd.) ERNESTO M. MACEDA**

*President of the Senate*

**(Sgd.) JOSE DE VENECIA JR.**

*Speaker of the House of  
Representatives*

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on December 4, 1997 and November 24, 1997, respectively.

**(Sgd.) LORENZO E. LEYNES JR.**

*Secretary of the Senate*

**(Sgd.) ROBERTO P. NAZARENO**

*Secretary General House of  
Representatives*

Approved: February 24, 1998.

**(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS**

*President of the Philippines*