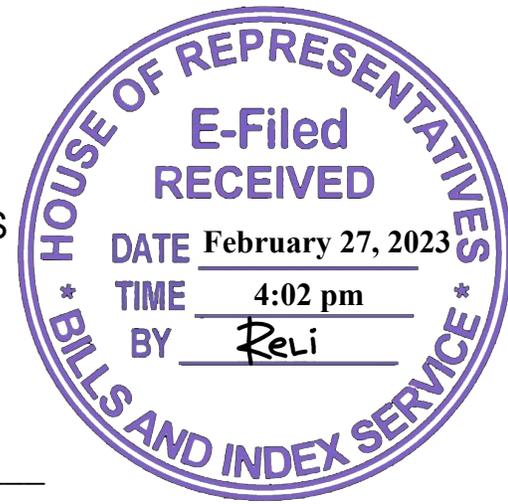


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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution, under Article II, Section 15 declares that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

Cotabato Regional and Medical Center or CRMC in Cotabato City is a tertiary government hospital under the Department of Health, regulated by the Civil Service Commission in terms of human resources, the Department of Budget and Management agency responsible for the management and development of its financial transactions, and the Commission on Audit in-charge of the general accountabilities of the hospital.

Its present 600 bed capacity authorized under Republic Act No. 11391 is not enough to cater to the needs of its increasing number of patients. Hence, there is a need to increase the authorized bed capacity of the Cotabato Regional and Medical Center from 600 to 1,000 beds.

Immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Bai Dimple I. Mastura".

BAI DIMPLE I. MASTURA  
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AN ACT AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE COTABATO REGIONAL AND MEDICAL CENTER IN COTABATO CITY FROM SIX HUNDRED (600) 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 Cotabato Regional and Medical Center (CRMC) in Cotabato City is hereby increased from six hundred (600) beds to one thousand (1,000) beds. The Secretary of Health shall implement the increase in bed capacity of the CRMC consistent with the five (5)-year development plan of the hospital.

**Section 2.** The existing service facilities and professional health care services of the CRMC are hereby upgraded commensurate to the increase in its authorized bed capacity as herein provided for in Section 1.

The existing workforce, the budget for personnel services, maintenance and other operating expenses of the CRMC shall also be increased correspondingly. The Secretary of Health shall, in coordination with the Secretary of Budget and Management and the Commissioner of the Civil Service Commission, and after consultation with the Chief of CRMC, determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up.

**Section 3.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**Section 4.** All laws, decrees, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,