

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11561, June 24, 2021]

AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE EAST AVENUE MEDICAL CENTER IN BARANGAY DILIMAN, QUEZON CITY FROM SIX HUNDRED (600) 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 authorized bed capacity of the East Avenue Medical Center (EAMC) in Barangay Diliman, Quezon City is hereby increased from six hundred (600) to one thousand (1,000) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan to be prepared by the Medical Center Chief of the EAMC to reflect the development goals of the hospital, and submitted to the Department of Health (DOH).

SEC. 2. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the EAMC are also hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as provided for in Section 1 hereof.

SEC. 3. The existing workforce of the EAMC, which includes doctors, nurses and support personnel, shall also be increased correspondingly. The Secretary of the DOH shall, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management and the Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission, and after consultation with the Chief of the EAMC, determine the additional new positions to be created and filled up.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the program of the DOH the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. If any of the sections or provisions of this Act is held invalid, all other provisions not affected shall remain valid.

SEC. 6. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or other issuances or parts hereof contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,