

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9793, November 19, 2009 ]**

**AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF EASTERN VISAYAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER IN TACLOBAN CITY FROM TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (250) TO FIVE HUNDRED (500), UPGRADING ITS SERVICE AND FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The authorized bed capacity of the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center (EVRMC) in Tacloban City is hereby upgraded from two hundred fifty (250) to five hundred (500) beds.

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

SEC. 3. The existing workforce of the EVRMC shall also be correspondingly increased. The Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and Civil Service Commission, shall determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up upon prior consultation with the EVRMC.

SEC. 4. The increase in bed capacity of the EVRMC from two hundred fifty (250) to five hundred (500) beds shall be implemented for a period of not more than four (4) years from the approval of this Act.

SEC. 5. 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.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

**(Sgd.) JUAN PONCE ENRILE**

*President of Senate*

**(Sgd.) PROSPERO C. NOGRALES**

*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 March 5, 2009 and September 8, 2009,