

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 509

Introduced by **Hon. Arthur “Dodo” Y. Pingoy, Jr., M.D.**

Explanatory Note

The South Cotabato Provincial Hospital in Koronadal City, South Cotabato cannot fully respond to the hospitalization and medical needs of its patients due to limited hospital beds, other than its deficient infrastructure and medical facilities. Its authorized bed capacity is 100 beds and remains unchanged since 1969.

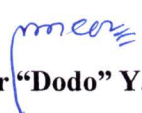
This proposed measure which seeks to increase the hospital's bed capacity from the present 100-bed capacity to 200 will greatly alleviate the health care needs of close to 700,000 residents of the whole province spread out in the Koronadal City and 10 municipalities.

This will also sufficiently meet the great and continuous increase in the volume of patients coming from the neighboring provinces of Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani and North Cotabato.

Moreover, this bill seeks to upgrade the present hospital to a tertiary level care government hospital and a full training center that will serve as the main core referral hospital of the SOCCSKSARGEN Region and also, to effectively address priority health problems affecting people, mainly infants and children under five years of age, living in areas where access to appropriate health services remain an issue and high incidence of illness and death persist.

It need not be emphasized that the State is mandated to protect and promote the right of the people to essential, adequate and accessible health services at affordable costs.

Thus, in view of the urgency of the needs for such proposal, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE SOUTH COTABATO PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL INTO A TRAINING AND MEDICAL CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS SOUTH COTABATO TRAINING AND MEDICAL CENTER, FURTHER INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY TO TWO HUNDRED BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The South Cotabato Provincial Hospital in Koronadal City, South Cotabato is hereby converted into a training and medical center to be renamed as South Cotabato Training & Medical Center.

SEC. 2. The bed capacity of the hospital is hereby increased from one hundred (100) to two hundred (200) beds.

SEC. 3. The Department of Health shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. 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.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,