

Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City

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House Bill No. 571

Introduced by Hon. Hussin U. Amin

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to expand the role of Sulu Sanitarium in Jolo, Sulu by providing health care service to mothers and children in the area.

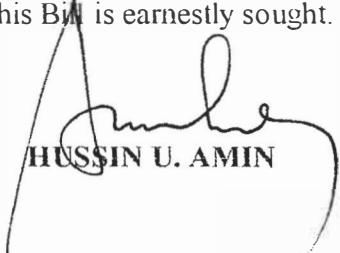
The Sulu Sanitarium was established to serve the health care needs of hansenites of the province. It is licensed as a one hundred thirty (130) bed capacity primary special hospital and operates through the concerted efforts of twenty (28) dedicated staff.

There has been a marked decline in the incidence of leprosy in the past few years due to modern methods of treatment. This development has given the sanitarium the opportunity to expand its services, to go beyond its original mandate and respond to the health needs of the others sectors of the population in the area. This expansion in the delivery of health service is in compliance with D.O. No. 72, series of 1994 of the Department of Health. It directed all sanatoria in the country to expand their service to the non-hansenite population in their respective areas of operation.

Two groups in dire need of health service in the province of Sulu are the mothers and children. The province has an infant mortality rate of 18 per 1000 live births and maternal mortality rate of 42 for every 1000 deliveries. A survey conducted showed that fifty one percent (51%) of mothers had five and more pregnancies, thus they belong to the high risk group. Difficult deliveries needing proper medical intervention are referred to Zamboanga City which is about ten (10) hours travel by boat from Jolo.

The conversion of fifty (50) of the one hundred thirty (130) beds of the Sulu Sanitarium for the use of mothers and children will not only fully utilize its facilities and personnel but will also respond to the priority health needs in the area. The expanded role of the Sanitarium will protect the health of children and help in the delivery of high risk mothers and, thus, reduce incidence of maternal and child mortality.

In view of this, therefore, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
EXPANDING THE ROLE OF SULU SANITARIUM THROUGH THE
CONVERSION OF FIFTY (50) OF ITS ONE HUNDRED THIRTY (130) BEDS
FOR THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH SERVICES TO MOTHERS AND
CHILDREN IN THE AREA AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

Section 1. The Sulu Sanitarium is Jolo, Sulu shall perform an expanded role through the delivery of health services to mothers and children in the area.

Section 2. The fifty (50) of its existing one hundred thirty (130) beds are hereby converted for the delivery of health services to mothers and children in its catchment area.

Section 3. The existing facilities and personnel shall be utilized to carry out the expanded role of the Sanitarium.

Section 4. Upgrading of its facilities and the capability of its personnel shall be provided for the Sanitarium to perform its expanded role.

Section 5. The Secretary of the Department of Health shall issue the necessary rules, orders and circular to implement the provisions of this Act.

Section 6. 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.

Section 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,