

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

First Regular Session
House Bill No. **2730**



Introduced by the Honorable MARYAM N. ARBISON

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to establish a **TEN (10) BED capacity community emergency hospital** in the Municipality of Kalingalan Caluang, 2nd Legislative District, Province of Sulu.

The high mortality rate in the interior municipalities in Mainland Jolo, Sulu, is attributed to the lack of health facilities in the area, distance to hospitals and low literacy rate. The weather in Sulu, of which rainfall is evenly distributed throughout the year, is also a factor because when it rains travel by land transportation, in the interior of mainland Jolo often becomes hazardous and causes vehicular accidents, especially in times of emergencies. The province of Sulu is listed among the top ten (10) most depressed provinces in the country today. Poverty, coupled with low education compel the inhabitants to be more occupied in meeting their daily sustenance, for food and other necessities, which become the reason why they have negligible health care concern. Consequently, many patients and their families in the locality have suffered pain and even die especially in emergency medical cases, without seeing a medical doctor or even setting foot in a hospital, by reason of high costs of hazardous travel to distant hospitals.

In compliance with the mandate of the state to protect and promote the right to health of the people, it is necessary that a community emergency hospital be established in the Municipality of Kalingalan Caluang.

Approval of this Bill is highly recommended.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A TEN (10) BED CAPACITY COMMUNITY EMERGENCY HOSPITAL IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF KALINGALAN CALUANG, PROVINCE OF SULU, TO BE KNOWN AS THE
KALINGALAN CALUANG COMMUNITY EMERGENCY HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Health a ten (10) capacity community emergency hospital in the Municipality of KalingalanCaluang, 2nd Legislative District of the Province of Sulu, to be known as the KalingalanCaluang Community Emergency Hospital'

SECTION 2. The Department of Health, in consultation and coordination with the local government officials concerned, shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. The amount necessary for the establishment of the hospital shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following the enactment of this Act into law, thereafter, funds necessary for the maintenance and operation of the hospital shall be provided with the provision of the Local Government Code or the applicable law at the time.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.