

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

First Regular Session
House Bill No. 2731



Introduced by Honorable MARYAM N. ARBISON

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to establish a **TEN (10) BED capacity Community Emergency Hospital** in the island-Municipality of Pandami, 2nd Legislative District of Sulu Province.

The province of Sulu is composed of over 157 islands and islets. One goes from one island to the other by means of small seacraft. With poverty, coupled with low education, the inhabitants of the island locality of Pandami, have the least amenities in life, who are more occupied meeting their need for food and other necessities, the reason why they have negligible health care concern. During rainy season, the island municipality is practically isolated from the bigger island municipality of Siasi where the District Hospital is located, and from the mainland of Sulu in the capital town of Jolo where the only main provincial government hospital is situated. Consequently, many patients and their families in the area of Pandami have suffered in pain, and even die, specially emergency medical cases, without seeing a doctor or even setting foot in a hospital, by reason of distance and the high cost of hazardous travel to distant medical institutions.

In compliance with the mandate of the state to protect and promote the right to health of the people, it is necessary that a municipal hospital be established in the aforementioned municipality.

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 PANDAMI, PROVINCE OF SULU, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PANDAMI
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) bed capacity community emergency hospital in the Municipality of Pandami, 2nd Legislative District of the Province of Sulu, to be known as the Pandami 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 provisions of the Local Government Code or the applicable law at the time.

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

Approved.