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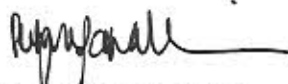
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Quality health care to the people is one of the challenges that the Province of Tawi-Tawi is facing. Given our geographical location, there is difficulty in the accessibility of health centers and hospitals in our area. There is a great need of additional health facilities in order to cater the entire population of the province.

The Municipality of Panglima Sugala is one of the biggest municipalities in the Province of Tawi-Tawi and is formerly the provincial capital. It is a third class island-municipality, composed of 17 barangays, and situated 18 kilometers from the now Provincial Capital of Bongao. It takes about 30 minutes travel by land to Bongao and about 45 minutes by motor launch, a wooden hull boat. According to the 2000 census, it has a population of 33,315 people in 8,417 households.

Currently, there is no hospital in the Municipality of Panglima Sugala which will cater to the health emergencies and needs of the residents residing therein.

This proposed house bill recognizes the need of the Province of Tawi-Tawi for additional health facilities that will provide quality health service to Tawi-Tawians and is consistent to the national government's mission of guaranteeing equitable, sustainable and quality health for all Filipinos, especially to the poor.


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL IN BARANGAY BATU-BATU,
MUNICIPALITY OF PANGLIMA SUGALA, PROVINCE OF TAWI-TAWI, TO BE
KNOWN AS THE PANGLIMA SUGALA MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE**

Section 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Health, a ten-bed municipal hospital in Barangay Batu-Batu, Municipality of Panglima Sugala, Province of Tawi-Tawi, to be known as the Panglima Sugala Municipal Hospital.

Section 2. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations authorized for the purpose under the Fiscal Year 2014 General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of the herein hospital shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 3. Before the construction of the hospital, the Secretary of Health shall issue a written, assurance that personnel of the hospital will be appointed and that funds for its maintenance and operation have been appropriated.

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