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HOUSE BILL NO. **3630**



Introduced by Representative Sitti Djalila A. Turabin-Hataman

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that it shall be the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and further, instill health consciousness among them (Art.II,Sec.15).

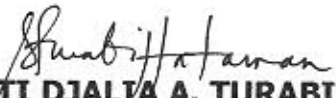
Moreover, the fundamental law of the land dictates that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the under-privileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.

Nonetheless, despite these constitutional mandates, the Philippines Demographics Profile 2013 exhibited a very low Hospital bed density of 0.5 beds/1,000 population (2006).

The Basilan Provincial Hospital is a government hospital administered by the Department of Health located in Isabela City, Basilan Province. Recent statistics shows that while this General Hospital is servicing Province wide, it is equipped with merely 25-bed capacity. Among the four (4) government hospitals in the Province, it is saddened that only two (2) are functional, while the other half are non-functional due to non-availability and insufficiency of funds. Worthy of reiteration is the fact that the Basilan Provincial Hospital is the only government hospital that caters the whole province of Basilan.

To further realize the right to health of the Filipino people and enhance public health in the province, there is a need to increase the bed capacity of the aforementioned provincial hospital to 100.

In view of the foregoing considerations, the approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT

**INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE BASILAN PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL
IN BASILAN PROVINCE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.
8543, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 8543 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. The Basilan Provincial Hospital in the Municipality of Isabela, Province of Basilan, is hereby converted into a tertiary hospital which shall be under the full administrative and technical supervision of the Department of Health (DOH): provided, that the present funding support of the province is continued. **[Provided further, its bed capacity shall be increased from one hundred (100) to two hundred (200) beds].**

SECTION 2. Section 2 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. The Department of Health shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act. **[Accordingly, the number of medical personnel, personnel services and maintenance and other operating expenses of the Basilan Provincial Hospital shall correspondingly be**

expenses of the Basilan Provincial Hospital shall correspondingly be increased. The Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management shall determine the additional plantilla positions to be created pursuant to this Act].

There is hereby added a new Subsection 2.1 to read as follows:

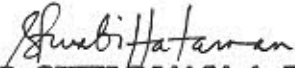
[SECTION2.1.The increase in bed capacity of the Basilan Provincial Hospital from one hundred (100) to one hundred (200) shall be implemented for a period of not more than two (2) years from the approval of this Act].

SECTION3. Section 3 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section3. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall in included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter. **[The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual appropriations Act].**

SECTION4.This Act shall take effect after its approval.

Approved,


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