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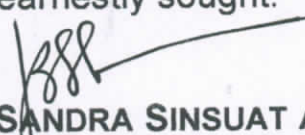


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Because of its geographic location, Cotabato Regional and Medical Center in Cotabato City caters to patients not only coming from Region XII but also from the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. At present, it has an average of almost 600 patients which has been steadily increasing. However, its bed capacity remains to be only 400. Out of this 400, only 200 receive appropriation from the budget. There is therefore a need to increase the bed capacity of the Cotabato Regional and Medical Center from 400 to 600 and upgrade its services and facilities, amending for this purpose Republic Act No. 8316. This is in pursuance of the provision of the Constitution in Section 15, Article II mandating the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

Early approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE COTABATO
REGIONAL AND MEDICAL CENTER IN COTABATO CITY,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8316,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 Republic Act No. 8316 is hereby amended
to read as follows:

“SECTION 1. The Cotabato Regional Hospital in Cotabato City is
hereby upgraded into a medical center, correspondingly increasing its bed
capacity to [four hundred (400)] SIX HUNDRED (600) beds, under the
supervision of the Department of Health, to be known as the Cotabato
Regional and Medical Center.”

SEC. 2. Section 3 of the same Act is hereby deleted and in lieu thereof insert the following:

“SEC. 3. THE NUMBER OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL, THE BUDGET FOR PERSONNEL SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE COTABATO REGIONAL AND MEDICAL CENTER 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.”

SEC. 3. There is hereby added a new Section 4 to read as follows:

“SEC. 4. THE INCREASE IN BED CAPACITY OF THE COTABATO REGIONAL AND MEDICAL CENTER SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY UPON APPROVAL OF THIS ACT.”

SEC. 4. Section 4 of the same Act is hereby renumbered as Section 5 and amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 5. 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 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT.”

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,