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HOUSE BILL NO. 10431



Introduced by Representative PRINCESS RIHAN MANGUDADATU SAKALURAN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 11, Article XIII of the Philippine constitution states:

*"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 underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children.** The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers."*

Also, the Child and Youth Welfare Code provides that:

"Declaration of Policy. - The Child is one of the most important assets of the nation. Every effort should be exerted to promote his welfare and enhance his opportunities for a useful and happy life x x x."

Towards this end, the undersigned proposed this bill to create a specialty hospital primarily to benefit and address the concerns of the all the children in the province of Sultan Kudarat and the entire Region XII as well to enhance pediatric care, research, training of medical and technical personnel for the prevention and treatment of children's diseases.

The goal it to end preventable child deaths and development of children in the early decades of their life in all aspects of children's growth and development towards healthy adult.

As Nelson Mandela once said **"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children."**

The passage of this bill is therefore earnestly sought.

A stylized black ink signature of Princess Rihan Mangudadatu Sakaluran.

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TWO HUNDRED (200) BED CAPACITY SULTAN KUDARAT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL INSIDE THE CAPITOL COMPLEX, BARANGAY KALAWAG II, MUNICIPALITY OF ISULAN IN THE PROVINCE OF SULTAN KUDARAT, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS, RESPONSIBILITIES, POWERS AND AUTHORITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Section 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Health, a two hundred (200) bed capacity children's hospital in the province of Sultan Kudarat to be known as SULTAN KUDARAT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL to be built inside the Capitol Complex, Kalawag II, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat.

Section 2. All pediatric patients requiring hospitalization and/or special medical services coming from the different provinces and cities of Region 12, who cannot be given such adequate services in their local hospitals, shall be referred by the latter to, and attended by, the Hospital.

Section 3. 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 4. Indigents shall not be required to pay the cost of hospitalization and/or medical services rendered: provided, that a certificate of indigency issued by the barangay captain at his place of residence is submitted. Patients who can afford to pay as determined by the Hospital authority shall be required to pay the cost of hospitalization and/or medical treatment extended to them.

Section 5. The Property of the Sultan Kudarat Children's Hospital shall consist of such real, personal, mixed and other type of property, now owned or reserved for, or may hereafter be given, donated, acquired, transferred or conveyed to, the Sultan Kudarat Children's Hospital by the Philippine Government, its branches and instrumentalities, by any foreign government, as well as by trust, foundations, corporations, or persons, alien or domestic, in order to carry out its purposes and objectives as set forth herein.

Section 5. The purposes and objectives of the Sultan Kudarat Children's Hospital are:

- (a) To construct, establish, operate and maintain facilities for the children's welfare, including a specialized hospital for children;
- (b) To promote, encourage and engage in scientific research on the prevention of pediatric diseases and the care and/or treatment of pediatric patients and related activities, including sponsorship and conduct of relevant congresses, conventions, seminars, and conferences;
- (c) To stimulate and/or underwrite scientific researches on biological, demographic, social, economic eugenic, physiological aspects of pediatric disorders and abnormalities and their control; and gather, compile, and publish the findings of such researches for public dissemination;
- (d) To facilitate and encourage the dissemination and exchange of ideas and information on the prevention, treatment and control of pediatric diseases; to arouse, enhance and develop public interest in children, general health and physical fitness, especially on the promotion of health and rehabilitation, and other relevant or related fields;
- (e) To encourage and/or undertake the training of physicians, nurses, medical technicians, health officers and social workers on the practical and scientific conduct and implementation of pediatric services;
- (f) To extend pediatric services to the general public, to help prevent, relieve or alleviate the afflictions and maladies of children and youth specially the poor and less fortunate in life, without regard to race, creed, color or political belief.

Section 6. - The Regional Director upon prior authority of the Secretary of Health may negotiate and/or accept donations or grants from any person, natural or juridical, domestic or foreign, for the use of the Hospital for the improvement of or addition to its facilities geared at modernization.

Section 7. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter;

Section 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.