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HOUSE BILL NO. 1369



Introduced by REP. SITTIE SHAHARA "BAI DIMPLE" I. MASTURA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State recognizes the right of the people to an adequate standard of health. Section 11 of Article XIII of the Constitution on Social Justice and Human Rights provides that "(t)he State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavour to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all people at affordable cost." The constitutional provision further provides that there shall be a priority for the needs of the "underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children," or the so called vulnerable sectors of society.

Formerly the Dinaig Municipal Hospital, its facilities were upgraded and medical personnel increased with its conversion to the Datu Odin Sinsuat District Hospital in 2019. However, its capacity remained at a 50-bed capacity, rendering it incapable of fully addressing the medical and health needs of the people of Maguindanao.

Maguindanao's population is now at 1,667,258. With the continuing increase in the number of patients, there arises a need to provide better health services and health facilities to meet the increasing demand of Maguindanaons for quality health care.

Hence, this proposed measure to increase the capacity of Datu Odin Sinsuat District Hospital to 200-bed capacity, and upgrade its facilities to a Level II hospital commensurate to the increase in bed capacity.

In view of its vital importance, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**SITTIE SHAHARA "BAI DIMPLE"
I. MASTURA**

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AN ACT
UPGRADING THE DATU ODIN SINSUAT DISTRICT HOSPITAL INTO A SECONDARY LEVEL HOSPITAL AND INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY FOR GENERAL CARE SERVICES FROM FIFTY (50) TO TWO HUNDRED (200), 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. Declaration of Policy. - It is the declared policy of the State that it shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. Further, the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services to all the people at affordable cost.

SECTION 2. Objectives. - The objectives of this Act are:

- a) To improve and upgrade government health services and facilities for the benefit of the public;
- b) To provide all essential and quality health services to the people, especially the sick, the poor and marginalized sectors of society; and
- c) To improve and uplift the morale, social and economic well-being of health workers.

SECTION 3. Upgrade to Secondary Level Hospital. - The Datu Odin Sinsuat District Hospital in the Municipality of Datu Odin Sinsuat, Province of Maguindanao, is hereby upgraded into a Level II hospital.

SECTION 4. *Establishment of 200 bed capacity.* – The seventy (50) bed capacity of the Datu Odin Sinsuat District Hospital shall be increased to two hundred (200) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan, which shall be prepared by the Chief of Hospital of the Datu Odin Sinsuat District Hospital.

SECTION 5. *Upgrade of services and facilities.* - The existing professional health care services and facilities are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as provided in Section 4 hereof.

SECTION 6. *Increase in personnel.* - The existing workforce of the Datu Odin Sinsuat District Hospital, which includes doctors, nurses, other health care practitioners and support personnel, shall be increased correspondingly.

SECTION 7. *Funding Support.* - The Provincial Government of Maguindanao shall provide the necessary funds to support the increase in bed capacity of the Datu Odin Sinsuat District Hospital and the corresponding upgrading of its facilities and services.

SECTION 8. *Appropriations.* - 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 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* - The Secretary of the Department of Health (DOH) shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 10. *Separability Clause* - If any provision or part hereof is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. *Repealing Clause* - All laws, executive orders, decrees, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. *Effectivity* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,