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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**NINETEENTH CONGRESS**  
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House Bill No. **6547**



Introduced by Representative **MOHAMAD "TONG" P. PAGLAS, SR.**  
*Representative, Lone District of Maguindanao del Sur*

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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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The Municipality of Datu Paglas is a peaceful town located in the Lone District of Maguindanao del Sur. The town has experienced relative peace and harmony because former combatants in this once war-stricken locality were given chance to be employed leading to better shelter and more economic activities.

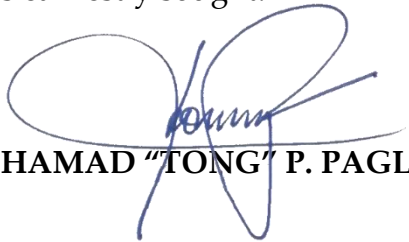
Local government officials realized that the correct approach to peace and order in Maguindanao is not to force peace in the region through arms, but to give the people a source of livelihood, give them economic opportunities, and a genuine and lasting peace and order will follow.

However, the municipality of Datu Paglas has yet to have its own hospital facility that will serve its people and provide better health conditions. To give the residents of this municipality, and other nearby towns, a chance to have access to adequate health and medical services, this representation proposes the creation of its own district hospital.

This is also to fulfill the mandate of the 1987 Constitution under Article II, Section 15 which provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the Filipino people and instill consciousness among them.

Having reachable and better medical services will not only improve the overall quality of health of the residents, but in the long-term, will bring a lasting peace and order in the province.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A FIFTY BED CAPACITY DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE**  
**MUNICIPALITY OF DATU PAGLAS, MAGUINDANAO DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS**  
**THE “DATU PAGLAS DISTRICT HOSPITAL” AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS**  
**THEREFOR**

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

**SECTION 1.** There shall be established a fifty-bed capacity district hospital in the Municipality of Datu Paglas, Maguindanao del Sur, under the supervision of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) – Ministry of Health, to be known as the “Datu Paglas District Hospital.”

Any future increases in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan that shall be prepared by the Chief of Hospital of the Datu Paglas District Hospital, and submitted to the BARMM-Ministry of Health.

**SEC. 2.** The Minister of Health of the BARMM and/or his duly authorized representative, in consultation and coordination with the concerned officials of the Municipal Government of Datu Paglas, Maguindanao del Sur shall formulate and promulgate the implementing rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

**SEC. 3.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include the amount necessary in the Department's budget for the construction and operationalization of the Datu Paglas District Hospital, which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

**SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*