



Republic of the Philippines
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HOUSE BILL NO. **8018**

Introduced by Representative Shernee A. Tan-Tambut

EXPLANATORY NOTE

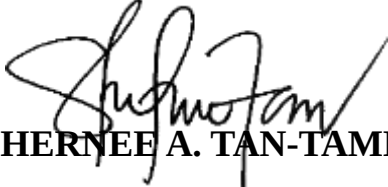
This bill seeks to establish a district hospital in the Municipality of Lantawan, Province of Basilan, to be known as the “*Lantawan District Hospital.*”

Section 11, Article XIII of the Constitution provides 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 underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.*”

The Municipality of Lantawan is a coastal municipality and one of the eleven municipalities in the Province of Basilan, comprising 11.73% of the province’s total land area. The 2020 Census recorded its population to be at 31,040, representing 7.28% of the total population of the province. The municipality is only equipped with one main health center and four barangay health stations to serve its twenty-five barangays. The condition of its public health service is very limited as its health stations are not equipped with medical apparatus that can only be found in hospitals. Being a coastal municipality, it is difficult and challenging to transport a critically-ill patient who needs urgent medical care without causing delays. Thus, this proposed measure of establishing the Lantawan District Hospital will ensure the accessibility and availability of quality health care services to the people. This will promote the

well-being and quality of life of the people in the Municipality of Lantawan, Province of Basilan.

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



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY
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“LANTAWAN DISTRICT HOSPITAL” AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established in the Municipality of Lantawan, Province of Basilan, a district hospital to be known as the “*Lantawan District Hospital*,” which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health.

SEC. 2. The Department of Health shall, in consultation with the Province of Basilan, prepare a hospital development plan that is aligned with the Philippine Health Facility Development Plan. Any future increase in bed capacity, health care facilities, service capability, and human resource complement shall be based on the hospital development plan.

SEC. 3. The initial amount necessary for the construction of Lantawan District Hospital shall be charged against the current appropriation of the Health Facilities Enhancement Program of the Department of Health. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its construction and operation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 5. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,