



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
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HOUSE BILL NO. **8019**

Introduced by Representative Shernee A. Tan-Tambut

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a district hospital in the Municipality of Mapun, Province of Tawi-Tawi.

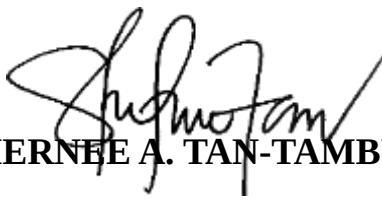
Section 11 of Art. XIII of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost.

The Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, also provides that local government units shall ensure and support the health and safety and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities for the preservation of comfort and convenience of their inhabitants.

Island municipalities such as Mapun are faced with a natural disadvantage in accessing adequate health care due to its unique geographical condition. The proposed legislative measure aims to provide the inhabitants of Mapun the minimum health care services they are entitled to under the law and the Constitution.

The proposed bill upholds the constitutional mandate of the State to provide quality and affordable health care for all and serves as a proactive measure to strengthen the Municipality of Mapun's health care system in the event of health-related contingencies such as the COVID-19 pandemic and other equally devastating health care related events.

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



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF MAPUN, PROVINCE OF TAWI-TAWI, TO BE KNOWN AS THE
“MAPUN 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 a district hospital in the Municipality of Mapun, Province of Tawi-Tawi, to be known as the “*Mapun 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 Tawi-Tawi, 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 Mapun 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,