



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. **8021**



Introduced by Representative Shernee A. Tan-Tambut

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Section 15, Article II of the Constitution provides that “*The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.*” The government has various health programs, but many people, especially those from far-flung areas, do not receive proper health assistance due to the lack of health facilities.

The Municipality of Pandami is a coastal municipality consisting of 16 barangays. It was separated from the Municipality of Siasi, Province of Sulu, and constituted into an independent and distinct municipality of the province by virtue of Batas Pambansa Blg. 324, entitled “*An Act Creating the Municipality of Pandami in the Province of Sulu*” on November 20, 1982. Based on the 2020 Census, its population was 33,177, representing 3.32% of the total population of Sulu province, or 0.75% of the overall population of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

Being a coastal municipality, Pandami is located far from its neighboring municipalities. It does not have its own district hospital. Establishing Pandami District Hospital will significantly address the health and medical needs of the people of Pandami. The people will no longer travel long hours to go to a medical facility and seek medical attention. The sick will immediately be attended to and loss of lives will be prevented. Prompt delivery of medical services will also be assured through the establishment of the facility.

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



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY
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“PANDAMI 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 district hospital in the Municipality of Pandami, Province of Sulu, to be known as the “*Pandami 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 Sulu, prepare a hospital development plan that is aligned with the Philippine Health Facility Development Plan. Any future increase in bed capacity, service capability, and human resource complement shall be based on the hospital development plan.

The initial amount necessary for the construction of Pandami 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. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,