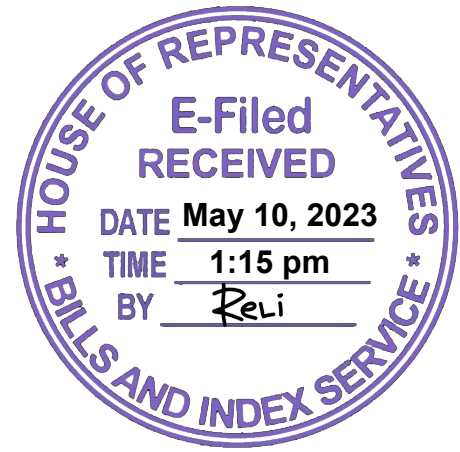




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HOUSE BILL NO. **8022**

Introduced by Representative Shernee A. Tan-Tambut

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Municipality of Panglima Sugala is a coastal town in the Province of Tawi-Tawi composed of seventeen barangays with an estimated population of 48,055 as of the 2020 Census. This represents 10.91% of the total population of Tawi-Tawi province.

The creation of a district hospital in Panglima Sugala will ensure that its inhabitants will receive quality healthcare.

The 1987 Constitution mandates the State to protect and promote the people's right to health and instill health consciousness among them. The State must also provide its citizens access to quality health care, especially the most vulnerable.

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. 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.”

This proposed legislative measure aims to provide access to efficient health care, promote physical and mental health and well-being, and extend the life expectancy of all the residents of the Municipality of Panglima Sugala and its neighboring municipalities. This proposed bill will not only give life to the constitutional mandate of the State to provide quality health care but also a proactive measure that will further strengthen the healthcare system in the Municipality of Panglima Sugala.

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



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ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF PANGLIMA SUGALA, PROVINCE OF TAWI-TAWI, TO BE
KNOWN AS THE “PANGLIMA SUGALA 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 Panglima Sugala, Province of Tawi-Tawi, to be known as the “*Panglima Sugala 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 Panglima Sugala 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,