



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

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. 9788



Introduced by Rep. Munir N. Arbison, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

“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.”

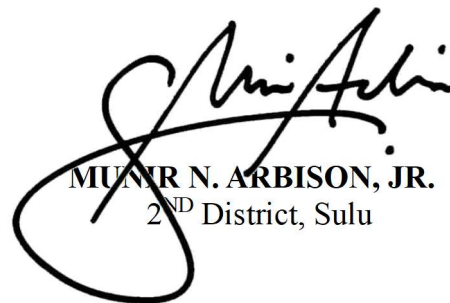
It is in the light of the above Constitutional provision that this bill seeks to establish and convert the existing newly constructed hospital building funded under the priority project of former Rep. Munir M. Arbison, in Brgy. Tandu Bato, Municipality of Luuk, 2nd District of Sulu into Sulu Sanitarium Luuk Annex.

Sulu Sanitarium is the only DOH-retained hospital in Sulu, located in Jolo - the capital of Sulu and within the First Legislative District of Sulu. For years, Sulu Sanitarium has been performing its dual expanded role of providing services to the general public and custodial care to its leprosy patients per DOH Administrative Order No. 2005-0013. Under the said Administrative Order, Sulu Sanitarium has made available *Five Major Service Department namely: Medical, Surgical, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Family Medicine and Pediatrics* to the general public. Thus, it is now Sulu Sanitarium and General Hospital.

The Municipality of Luuk, on the other hand, is within the 2nd Legislative District of Sulu and is geographically located approximately 60-70 kilometers away from Jolo, Sulu. Hence, the establishment of Sulu Sanitarium Annex in the Municipality of Luuk will not only alleviate the compounding woes of the residents therein brought by the financial burdens of travel and hospitalization. It will further give them a sense of psychological ease knowing fully well that albeit their remote geographical location, medical service is accessible within the district as they no longer have to endure and make a more than an hour journey to Jolo, especially in times of emergencies. Furthermore, The Sulu Sanitarium Luuk Annex will also be able to provide sufficient, adequate and affordable healthcare services to the residents of nearby and neighboring municipalities.

This legislative measure is also in line with the policy of the State to secure the well-being of the people by providing them efficient health services.

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


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND CONVERTING THE EXISTING NEWLY
CONSTRUCTED HOSPITAL BUILDING IN BRGY. TANDU-BATO MUNICIPALITY OF
LUUK, 2ND DISTRICT OF SULU TO SULU SANITARIUM LUUK ANNEX 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 an Annex hospital of the Sulu Sanitarium in the existing newly constructed Hospital Building funded under the priority project of former Rep. Munir M. Arbison, in Brgy. Tandubato, Municipality of Luuk, Sulu, to be known as Sulu Sanitarium- Luuk Annex which shall be under the supervision of the Department of Health.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the program of the Department of Health the implementation this Act and the operationalization of the Sulu Sanitarium – Luuk Annex, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,



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