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HOUSE BILL NO. **3489**



Introduced by Representative SITTIE SHAHARA "BAI DIMPLE" I. MASTURA

AN ACT

UPGRADING THE MSU-MAGUINDANAO INFIRMARY FACILITY INTO A LEVEL III HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY – MAGUINDANAO HOSPITAL, PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO DEL NORTE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Mindanao State University – Maguindanao (MSU-Maguindanao), as a public higher education institution in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), plays a pivotal role in advancing social equity, human development and peacebuilding, especially in conflict-affected and underserved communities.

Established in 1973, the University is strategically positioned in the Municipality of Datu Odin Sinsuat to project a positive impact to cultural communities of Maguindanao del Norte and del Sur, areas long affected by cycles of poverty, displacement and armed conflict.

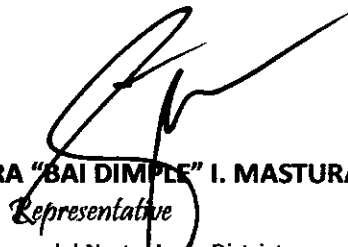
However, despite its academic influence and geographic advantage, the surrounding region continues to suffer from inaccessibility and shortage of quality and affordable health care services. Many barangays remain underserved, with disparities in health conditions affecting women, children, elderly, disabled, indigenous peoples, and internally displaced families – all belonging to the vulnerable sectors of society.

This bill seeks to upgrade the existing MSU-Maguindanao Infirmary Facility into a Level III hospital, incorporated with a medical training program to respond to the urgent need of bridging the gap in public health service delivery in the Municipality of Datu Odin Sinsuat primarily, adjacent municipalities second; and to correspondingly address the province-wide unavailability of a localized academic infrastructure for health-related professional development.

The proposed Mindanao State University – Maguindanao Hospital is envisioned to serve the immediate health needs of surrounding communities as a medical facility, teaching and training hospital with planned programs in Nursing, Midwifery, Public Health, and Allied Health Sciences.

This proposed measure when approved and duly enacted will broaden access to medical education for the youth of the Bangsamoro, specifically those from remote and marginalized communities, and caused the development of a homegrown, culturally competent health workforce rooted on the principles of inclusivity, context-sensitivity and peace-responsive education.

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



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

SECTION 1. The Mindanao State University (MSU) - Maguindanao Infirmary Facility in the Municipality of Datu Odin Sinsuat, Province of Maguindanao del Norte is hereby upgraded into a Level III hospital to be known as the "Mindanao State University (MSU)-Maguindanao Hospital".

SEC. 2. The bed capacity of the Mindanao State University (MSU)-Maguindanao Infirmary shall be increased from twenty-five (25) to two hundred (200) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan prepared by the Chief of Hospital and submitted to the Department of Health.

SEC. 3. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the Mindanao State University (MSU)-Maguindanao Infirmary are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as provided for in Section 2 hereof.

SEC. 4. The existing workforce of the Mindanao State University (MSU)-Maguindanao Infirmary, which includes doctors, nurses and support personnel, shall be increased correspondingly.

SEC. 5. The Mindanao State University Board of Regents, Dean of the MSU College of Medicine and the Chief of Hospital – MSU Maguindanao Infirmary Facility, in consultation with the Secretary of Health, and in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management, and the Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission, determine the additional new positions to be created in accordance with the Revised Organizational Structure and

Staffing Standards for Government Hospitals excluding positions already available under the Mindanao State University (MSU)-Maguindanao Infirmary Plantilla.

SEC. 6. The Mindanao State University (MSU) – Maguindanao Hospital as an institution within the MSU System, shall operate under the governance, direct supervision and control of the Board of Regents of the Mindanao State University, hereinafter referred to as the Board; who shall provide for the necessary funds to cover the maintenance and operating expenses of the hospital. It shall also appropriate funds for the additional human resource complement to support the increase in bed capacity and the corresponding upgrading of its service facilities and professional health care services.

The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department's subsidy program, support for the capital outlay requirements of the Mindanao State University-Maguindanao Hospital.

SEC. 7. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 8. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the DOH, DBM, CSC, and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) issue the rules and regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 9. 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. 10. All laws, executive orders, issuances and rules, or regulations inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 11. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,