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HOUSE BILL NO. **3492**



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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

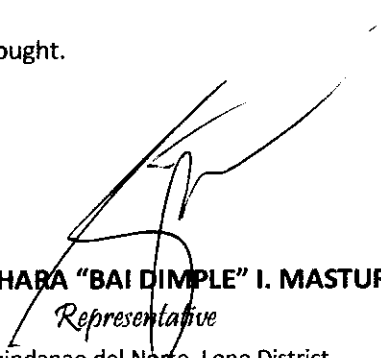
This measure was proposed in the 19th Congress, was approved by the Committees on Health and Appropriations however, for lack of material time did not make it past the Committee on Rules on June 9, 2025.

For additional context in 2019 just a little more than five (5) years ago, Republic Act No. 11391 was enacted which provided for the increase in bed capacity of this hospital from four hundred (400) to six hundred (600), and since then, the need for more beds has increasingly grown twice given that the Cotabato Regional and Medical Center (CRMC) serves both the mainland Bangsamoro region and Central Mindanao.

We reiterate the need to increase the present bed capacity of the CRMC from 600 beds to 1,000 because the existing capacity is not enough as per record and experience, to effectively cater to the number of patients confined at the medical facility at any given time.

This measure when approved and enacted will greatly contribute to the attainment of our goals as we pursue the protection and promotion of the right to health of the people in general and our constituents in the Province of Maguindanao del Norte with Cotabato City and the adjacent communities in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

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


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AN ACT

INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE COTABATO REGIONAL AND MEDICAL CENTER IN THE CITY OF COTABATO, PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO DEL NORTE, FROM SIX HUNDRED (600) TO ONE THOUSAND BEDS (1,000), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The authorized bed capacity of the Cotabato Regional and Medical Center (CRMC) in the City of Cotabato, Province of Maguindanao del Norte, shall be increased from six hundred (600) to one thousand (1,000) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan that shall be prepared by the Department of Health.

SEC. 2. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the CRMC are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as provided for in Section 1 hereof.

SEC. 3. The existing workforce of the CRMC, which includes doctors, nurses and support personnel, shall be increased correspondingly.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Health shall, after consultation with the Chief of Hospital of the CRMC, 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.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in its Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 6. 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. 7. All laws, executive orders, issuances and rules, or regulations inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,