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HOUSE BILL NO. **3494**



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

AN ACT

UPGRADING THE DATU ODIN SINSUAT DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF COTABATO, PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO DEL NORTE, INTO A LEVEL II DISTRICT HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

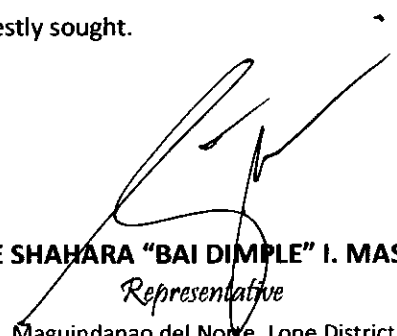
This proposal to upgrade the Datu Odin Sinsuat District Hospital was submitted on August 01, 2022 and remained pending until the closure of the 19th Congress.

Our constituents are looking forward to the approval of this measure due to the urgency of the need to elevate the condition, capacity and capability of this medical facility, as they strongly believe that such improvements will redound to their greatest overall benefit.

The right of citizens, ordinary people to say the least, to adequate health standards is guaranteed under Section 11, Article XIII of our Constitution and to continuously delay the passage of this bill as well as other bills of similar nature is a mockery of this mandate because the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children, the vulnerable sectors of society are being unjustly deprived.

In effect, upgrading the Datu Odin Sinsuat District Hospital will help improve the service capacity of the Cotabato Regional and Medical Center by decongesting it of patients on one hand and, make accessible better and improved medical services at affordable costs.

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 Datu Odin Sinsuat District Hospital in the City of Cotabato, Province of Maguindanao del Norte, is hereby upgraded into a level II district hospital.

SEC. 2. The fifty (50) bed capacity of the Datu Odin Sinsuat District Hospital shall be increased to two hundred (200) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the Chief of Hospital of the Datu Odin Sinsuat District Hospital and submitted to the Department of Health.

SEC. 3. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the Datu Odin Sinsuat District Hospital shall also be 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 Datu Odin Sinsuat District Hospital, which includes doctors, nurses and support personnel, shall be increased correspondingly.

SEC. 5. The Provincial Government of Maguindanao del Norte shall provide the necessary funds to cover the maintenance and other operating expenses of the Datu Odin Sinsuat District 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.

SEC. 6. The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department's subsidy program, support for the capital outlay requirements of the Datu Odin Sinsuat District Hospital.

SEC. 7. 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. 8. All laws, executive orders, issuances and rules, or regulations inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,