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HOUSE BILL NO. **3495**



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

AN ACT

UPGRADING THE DATU BLAH T. SINSUAT DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF UPI, PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO DEL NORTE, INTO A LEVEL II DISTRICT HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill to upgrade the Datu Blah T. Sinsuat District Hospital is a refiled proposal initially submitted in the 19th Congress.

Currently classified as a Level 1 General Hospital, funded and under the operational control of the Municipality of Upi and the Province of Maguindanao del Norte, this facility provides medical and health care services to some 59,004 residents of Upi and patients from adjacent and nearby localities.

The upgrading of Datu Blah T. Sinsuat District Hospital is long overdue and the need to elevate its classification to Level II is nothing short of urgent because the availability of basic medical and health services is a prime commodity to many who cannot afford the true costs of hospitalization and other services appurtenant thereto.

Our constituents highly await the approval of this measure due to the pressing need to elevate the facility's condition, capacity and capability, firm in the belief that such improvements will redound to their overall benefit.

The right of citizens particularly the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, children, and the vulnerable sectors of society to adequate health standards is guaranteed under Section 11, Article XIII of our Constitution.

An upgraded Datu Blah T. 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 on the other hand.

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 Blah T. Sinsuat District Hospital in the Municipality of Upi, Province of Maguindanao del Norte, is hereby upgraded into a level II district hospital.

SEC. 2. The fifty (50) bed capacity of the Datu Blah T. 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 Blah T. Sinsuat District Hospital and submitted to the Department of Health.

SEC. 3. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the Datu Blah T. 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 Blah T. 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 Blah T. 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 Blah T. 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,