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HOUSE BILL NO. **3496**



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

AN ACT

UPGRADING THE IRANON DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PARANG, PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO DEL NORTE, INTO A LEVEL II DISTRICT HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The right of the people to an adequate standard of health is non-negotiable. Towards this end, the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children and other vulnerable sectors of society should be prioritized through the adoption of an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development.

This bill seeking to upgrade the Iranon District Hospital is a step in the right direction by increasing the bed capacity, professional health care services, facilities and workforce consisting of medical professionals such as doctors, nurses and support personnel.

At present the Municipality of Parang is home to one hundred twenty-three thousand and two hundred nine (123,209) residents and the improvements resulting from the proposed hospital upgrade when enacted will strengthen the facility's capacity to address the increasing medical and health care needs of the local communities and adjoining local government units.

The people of the Bangsamoro in the Municipality of Parang await the approval of this measure due to the pressing needs to elevate the facility's condition, capacity and capability, fully subscribed to the fact that such improvements will redound to their overall benefit.

Iranon District Hospital will also 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 Iranon District Hospital in the Municipality of Parang, Province of Maguindanao del Norte, is hereby upgraded into a level II district hospital.

SEC. 2. The fifty (50) bed capacity of the Iranon 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 Iranon District Hospital and submitted to the Department of Health.

SEC. 3. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the Iranon 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 Iranon 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 Iranon 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 Iranon 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,