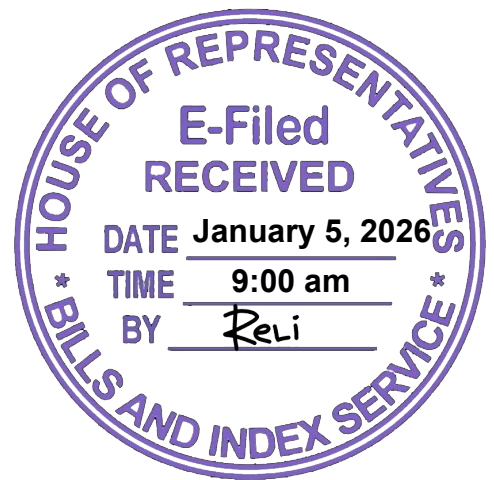


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Introduced by: Rep. Samier A. Tan

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to ensure the continued operation of the hospitals that will be left by the BARMM government in view of the separation of the Province of Sulu within the jurisdiction of BARMM.

It must be noted that the the Sulu Provincial Hospital, Luuk District Hospital, Maimbung District Hospital, Panamao District Hospital, Pangutaran District Hospital, Parang District Hospital, Siasi District Hospital, Tapul Municipal Hospital and Tongkil Municipal Hospital and all other health facilities under the Integrated Public Health Office of the Province of Sulu were funded and operated by the BARMM government through its Ministry of Health. The latter's withdrawal from the Province of Sulu left the subject hospitals without funding. The current financial state of the Province of Sulu and the municipalities where these hospitals were situated prohibits them from continuing the operation of the subject hospitals. However, the cessation of funding for the said hospitals will necessarily result into the closure of the same, the displacement of workers and worse, the People of Sulu in the area will no longer have access to proper health care.

It is for this reason that the proponents seek the approval of this measure.


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

SEC. 1. The Sulu Provincial Hospital, Luuk District Hospital, Maimbung District Hospital, Panamao District Hospital, Pangutaran District Hospital, Parang District Hospital, Siasi District Hospital, Tapul Municipal Hospital and Tongkil Municipal Hospital and all other health facilities under the Integrated Public Health Office in the Province of Suu is hereby assigned to the management and care of the Department of Health.

SEC. 2. The Department of Health shall provide the necessary funds to cover the maintenance and other operating expenses of the foregoing District and Municipal Hospitals and health facilities. It shall also appropriate funds for the human resource sufficient to support the bed capacity and the corresponding service facilities and professional health care services and their operating expenses.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the DOH shall include in the Department's subsidy program, support for the capital outlay requirements of the hospitals and health facilities.

SEC. 4. 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. 5. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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