



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9614

BY REPRESENTATIVES MASTURA, GATO AND SUANSING (M.A.)

AN ACT

UPGRADING THE COTABATO SANITARIUM AND GENERAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SULTAN KUDARAT, PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO DEL NORTE, INTO A LEVEL III GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Cotabato Sanitarium and General Hospital in the Municipality
2 of Sultan Kudarat, Province of Maguindanao del Norte, is hereby upgraded into a Level
3 III general hospital, which shall be under the direct supervision and control of the
4 Department of Health (DOH).
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6 **SEC. 2.** Any future increase in the bed capacity shall be consistent with the
7 hospital development plan that shall be prepared by the DOH, in accordance to the
8 Philippine Health Facility Development Plan.
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10 **SEC. 3.** The existing professional health care services and facilities of the
11 Cotabato Sanitarium and General Hospital are hereby upgraded to conform with and be
12 commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as provided for in Section 2 hereof.
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14 **SEC. 4.** The existing workforce of the Cotabato Sanitarium and General Hospital,
15 which includes doctors, nurses, and support personnel, shall be increased
16 correspondingly.
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18 **SEC. 5.** The Secretary of Health shall, in consultation with the Medical Center
19 Chief of the Cotabato Sanitarium and General Hospital, determine the additional
20 positions required for the operation of the Cotabato Sanitarium and General Hospital,
21 subject to applicable laws, rules, and regulations.
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23 **SEC. 6.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's
24 program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the
25 annual General Appropriations Act.

1 **SEC. 7.** If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the
2 remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.
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4 **SEC. 8.** All laws, executive orders, issuances, and rules and regulations
5 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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7 **SEC. 9.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
8 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,