

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7971

BY REPRESENTATIVES SINSUAT, AMANTE-MATBA, DY (F.), SALCEDA, HATAMAN, SINGSON, LIM, ARBISON,
SAKALURAN, SANGCOPAN, DAGOOC, ADIONG AND ALBANO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 579

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE COTABATO SANITARIUM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SULTAN
KUDARAT, PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO INTO A GENERAL HOSPITAL, TO BE KNOWN
AS THE COTABATO SANITARIUM AND GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Cotabato Sanitarium in the Municipality of Sultan Kudarat, Province of
2 Maguindanao, is hereby converted into a general hospital, to be known as the Cotabato
3 Sanitarium and General Hospital (CSGH), which shall be under the direct control and
4 supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).
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6 **SEC. 2.** The bed capacity of the CSGH shall be increased from forty (40) to two hundred
7 fifty (250) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital
8 development plan which shall be prepared by the DOH.
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10 **SEC. 3.** The existing professional health care services and facilities of the CSGH shall
11 also be upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as
12 provided for in Section 2 hereof.
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14 **SEC. 4.** The existing workforce of the CSGH, which includes doctors, nurses, and
15 support personnel, shall also be increased correspondingly. The Secretary of the DOH shall,
16 after consultation with the Chief of the CSGH, and in coordination with the Secretary of the
17 Department of Budget and Management and the Commissioner of the Civil Service
18 Commission, determine the additional new positions to be created and filled up.
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1 **SEC. 5.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the DOH's program the
2 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
3 Appropriations Act.

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5 **SEC. 6.** If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining
6 parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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11 **SEC. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
12 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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14 *Approved,*