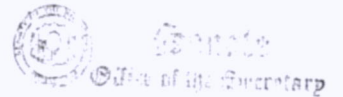


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Cotabato Sanitarium is a Department of Health retained facility and administratively under Region XII but is presently located in Barangay Ungap, Sultan Kudarat Municipality, Province of Maguindanao, ARMM.

The hospital has a dual role in health care management, being the home of some fifty (50) patients afflicted with leprosy, some of which are old, debilitated and weak. It also caters to general cases as mandated under Administrative Order No. 2006-0013, thus, playing a vital role in maintaining the health status of its catchment area and its surrounding municipalities.

The bill mandates the expansion of Cotabato Sanitarium into Cotabato Sanitarium and General Hospital to be able to provide general hospital services or specialized services while upholding its original mandate for leprosy prevention, treatment, control and rehabilitation. This would improve the availability of professional health care services for the marginal and poor patients in their region.

At present, the provision of free Out-of-Patient Department and Emergency Room consultation marked the abrupt increased number of patient's treatment and the total number of admitted in-patients. From 2014 to present, Cotabato Sanitarium has an exponential increase in terms of patient served.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

1 Section 1. The Cotabato Sanitarium located in the municipality of Sultan
2 Kuldarat, Province of Maguindanao, ARMM is hereby expanded into a sanitarium
3 and general hospital and with specialty services to be known as Cotabato
4 Sanitarium and General Hospital (CSGH) to cater services to leprosy patients, to
5 senior citizens and the general population.
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7 Sec. 2. The existing hospital facilities, professional health care services of
8 CSGH shall be continuously upgraded and increased to conform with and be
9 commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as determined by the Department
10 of Health (DOH) and its expanded mandate. The facility will continuously work to
11 manage and support the leprosy eradication program of the DOH.
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13 Sec. 3. The DOH shall, in coordination with the Department of Budget and
14 Management, and the CSGH, determine the additional staff plantilla positions to
15 be created pursuant to this Act.
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17 Sec. 4. The DOH shall immediately include in its programs the
18 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual
19 General Appropriations Act.
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1 Sec. 5. The expansion and upgrading of CSGH shall be implemented for a
2 period of not more than five (5) years from the approval of this Act.

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

Approved,