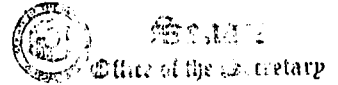


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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 384**

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance on  
MAY 23 2018.

Re : Senate Bill No. 1586, taking into consideration of House Bill No. 5881

Recommending the approval of Senate Bill No. 1586 with amendments, taking into consideration House Bill No. 5881

Sponsor : Senator Joseph Victor G. Ejercito

**Mr. President:**

The Committees on Health and Demography and Finance, to which were referred Senate Bill No. 1586, introduced by Senator Joseph Victor G. Ejercito entitled:

**"AN ACT  
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and House Bill No. 5881, introduced by Representative Hernandez, Suansing (H.), Pacquiao, Acharon, Sacdalan, Tejada, Catamco, Alvarez (P.), Tan (A.), Salo, Velasco-Catera, Eriquel, Suansing (E.), Aggabao, Chavez, Jalosjos, Castro (F.L.), Adiong, Lobregat, Ortega (P.), Malapitan, Acop, Go (M.), Escudero, Martinez, Roque (H.), Andaya, Vargas-Alfonso, Palma, Espina, Bianzon, Cuaresma, Gonzalez, Bertiz, Villarin, Violago, Canama, Arcillas, Tinio, Aragonés, De Jesus, Elago, Nava, Gonzales (A.D.), Farinas, Velasco and Zarate, entitled:

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have considered the same and have the honor to report Senate Bill No. 1586, taking into consideration House Bill No. 5881, back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be approved with the following amendments, to wit:

1. On Page 1, Lines 4 to 6, Sec. 2, delete the acronym (DOH), and delete the phrase "and the Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA)". Sec. 2, as amended, shall now read:

"SEC. 2. The Department of Health in consultation and coordination with local government officials concerned shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act."

2. On Page 1, Lines 10 to 12, delete the last sentence of Section 3 that states: "The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department's programs subsidy support for the capital outlay requirements of the said general hospital." Replace it with "**THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH SHALL IMMEDIATELY INCLUDE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S PROGRAMS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT, THE FUNDING OF WHICH SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT.**" Sec. 3, as amended, shall now read:

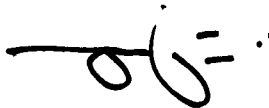
"**SEC. 3.** The Provincial Government of South Cotabato shall provide funding for the establishment of the Soccsksargen General Hospital in the Municipality of Surallah, Province Of South Cotabato. **THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH SHALL IMMEDIATELY INCLUDE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S PROGRAMS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT, THE FUNDING OF WHICH SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT.**

3. On Page 1, Lines 13 to 17, delete the entire Section 4 and replace it with the following:

**SEC. 4. ALL LAWS, DECREES, ORDERS, ORDINANCE, ISSUANCES, RULES AND REGULATIONS, OR PARTS WHEREOF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT ARE HEREBY REPEALED OR MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY.**

Respectfully submitted:

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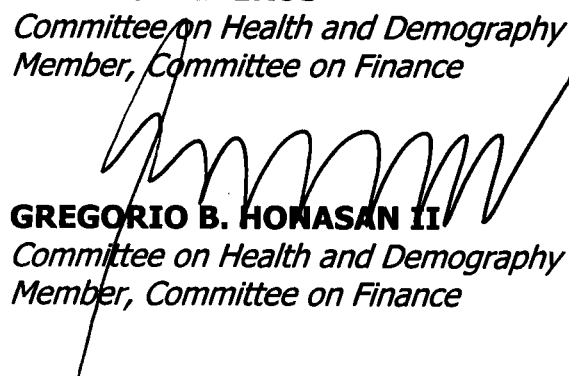
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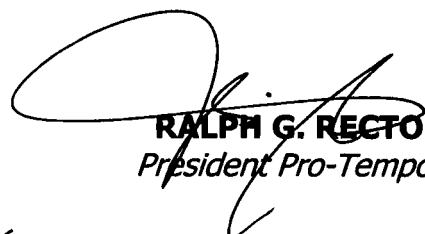


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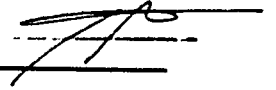
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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

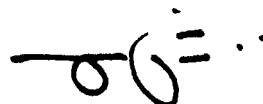
Article XIII, Section 11 of the Constitution provides that the "State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health, and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost."

During the deliberations and subsequent approval of the bill by both houses of the previous Congress, it was reported that DOH Region XII presently runs the Cotabato Regional and Medical Center in Cotabato City where most of its patients come from Cotabato City and Maguindanao province, which is part of the Autonomous Region in the Muslim Mindanao (ARMM). This has meant that patients from most parts of Region XII who need special medical attention are brought to Davao City instead of Cotabato City due to distance and security concerns, effectively rendering SOCCSKSARGEN with no regional health facility of its own.

A feasibility study provided by the Provincial Health Officer and DOH Center for Health Development (CHD) -XII has recommended the establishment of a separate regional health facility for Region XII. Economic and public health benefits are likely to proceed from the establishment of the Soccsksargen General Hospital, according to the feasibility study. Among the expected benefits include reduced morbidity, lower mortality and savings in terms of medical expenses in the region. Moreover, by virtue of Executive Order No. 304 which was promulgated in 2004, which declared Koronadal City as the seat of administration of Region XII, a legal basis for pressing the need to establish a regional health facility in the Province of South Cotabato has since become existent for the past twelve (12) years.

This bill, which was introduced during the 16th Congress, seeks to establish the SOCCSKSARGEN GENERAL HOSPITAL in the Municipality of Surallah, South Cotabato to improve access to medical services and a modern health facility for the 4.11 million Filipinos in Regional XII.

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



JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO

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

1 SECTION 1. There shall be established a general hospital in the  
2 Municipality of Surallah, Province of South Cotabato, to be known as the  
3 SOCCSKSARGEN General Hospital.

4 SEC. 2. The Department of Health (DOH) in consultation and  
5 coordination with local government officials concerned and the Mindanao  
6 Development Authority (MinDA) shall promulgate the necessary rules and  
7 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

8 SEC. 3. The provincial government of South Cotabato shall provide  
9 funding for the establishment of the SOCCSKSARGEN General Hospital in  
10 the Municipality of Surallah, South Cotabato. The Secretary of Health shall  
11 include in the Department's programs subsidy support for the capital outlay  
12 requirements of the said general hospital

13 SEC. 4. The DOH Regional Director of the Center for Health  
14 Development, Region XII, and the Chief of the SOCCSKSARGEN General  
15 Hospital, in coordination with the concerned local government units, shall  
16 also draw up a mechanism for sourcing supplementary funds to augment its  
17 operations.

18 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen days after its publication in the  
19 Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

20 Approved,