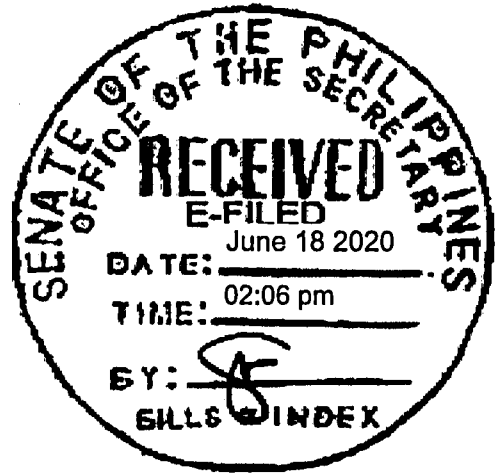


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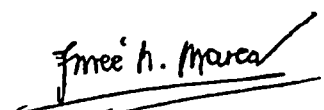
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our Constitution, under *Article II, Section 10* mandates that the State shall promote social justice in all phases of national development. *Section 15* of the Same *Article* provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

The Sulu Provincial Hospital is a government hospital with an authorized bed capacity of 125 and has been in existence for more than 100 years and has achieved great success in providing people with the healthcare they deserve. However, due to an increase in population in the Province of Sulu, additional beds and improvement of existing health facilities and services are needed.

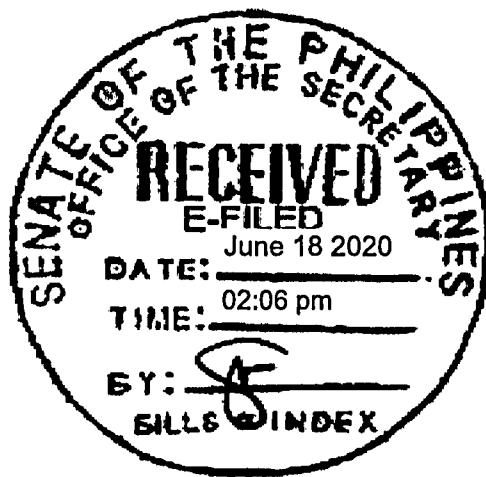
As a counterpart proposal in the Senate of House Bill No. 4562, this bill seeks to convert the Sulu Provincial Hospital in the Municipality of Jolo, Province of Sulu, into a tertiary level hospital. Furthermore, this measure aims to provide quality, affordable and accessible health care services not only for the people of Sulu but also for the people in the entire Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

In view of the foregoing, approval of the proposed measure is earnestly requested.


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

1 Section 1. The Sulu Provincial Hospital in the Municipality of Jolo, Province of
2 Sulu is hereby converted into tertiary level hospital under the direct control,
3 supervision and management of the Department of Health (DOH), and increasing its
4 bed capacity from one hundred twenty-five (125) to two hundred (200) beds.

5 Sec. 2. The Department of Health, in consultation with the Provincial Governor,
6 shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act. It shall also
7 determine the number of *plantilla* positions to be created and the service facilities and
8 professional health care services to be upgraded commensurate to the increase in the
9 number of bed capacity.

10 Sec. 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be
11 included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law
12 and thereafter.

13 Sec. 4. If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the
14 remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and
15 effect.

16 Sec. 5. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or other issuances or
17 parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended
18 or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,