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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8891

REPRESENTATIVES TAN-TAMBUT, TAN (S.) AND TAMBUNTING, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 804

AN ACT

CONVERTING THE SULU PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JOLO, PROVINCE OF SULU, INTO A TERTIARY HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SULU GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

- **SECTION 1.** The Sulu Provincial Hospital in the Municipality of Jolo, Province of Sulu is hereby converted into a tertiary hospital to be known as the Sulu General Hospital, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).
- **SEC. 2.** The authorized bed capacity of the Sulu General Hospital shall be increased from one hundred twenty-five (125) to two hundred (200) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan that shall be prepared by the Chief of Hospital of the Sulu General Hospital and submitted to the DOH.
- **SEC. 3.** The existing professional health care services and facilities of the Sulu General Hospital shall also be upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the bed capacity increase as provided for in Section 2 hereof.
- **SEC. 4.** The existing workforce of the Sulu General Hospital, which includes doctors, nurses and support personnel, shall be increased correspondingly.
- **SEC. 5.** The Secretary of the DOH shall, after consultation with the Chief of Hospital of the Sulu General Hospital, and in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission, determine the additional new positions to be created and filled up.

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- SEC. 6. The DBM shall, in consultation with the DOH and the Provincial Government of Sulu, determine the cost of the renationalized functions relative to the operations of the Sulu General Hospital, from the current Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) of the Province of Sulu. Thereafter, such amount shall be allocated to the DOH, chargeable against the IRA of the Provincial Government of Sulu.
- SEC. 7. The Secretary of the DOH 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. 8. If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.
- SEC. 9. All laws, decrees, executive orders, and other presidential issuance which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.
- SEC. 10. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,