Republic of the Philippines Congress of the Philippines Metro Manila Fighteenth Congress Second Regular Session

Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of July, two thousand twenty.

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11500]

AN ACT UPGRADING THE SIARGAO DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAPA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE INTO A LEVEL II GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SIARGAO ISLAND MEDICAL CENTER, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Siargao District Hospital in the Municipality of Dapa, Province of Surigao del Norte, is hereby upgraded into a Level II General Hospital to be known as the Siargao Island Medical Center (SIMC), under the direct supervision and control of the Department of Health (DOH). The authorized bed capacity of the medical center is hereby increased from fifty (50) to one hundred (100) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the Medical Center Chief of the SIMC and submitted to the DOH to reflect the development goals of the hospital.

SEC. 2. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the SIMC are also hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as provided for in Section 1 hereof, consistent with the hospital development plan.

SEC. 3. The existing workforce of the SIMC, including doctors, nurses and support personnel shall be correspondingly increased to conform with Section 1 of this Act, consistent with the hospital development plan.

The DOH, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and in consultation with the management of the SIMC, shall determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up.

SEC. 4. 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. 5. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOH shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations (IRR), upon consultation with the Provincial Government of Surigao del Norte and other stakeholders. The IRR shall be implemented consistent with the hospital development plan.

SEC. 6. If any provision of this Act may be declared invalid or inoperable, the remaining provisions hereof that are not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 7. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modifed accordingly. SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved. SOTTO III /ICFN' FE I President of the Senate

ALAN PETER S. CAYETANO Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was passed by the House of Representatives on March 9, 2020, amended by the Senate of the Philippines on July 28, 2020, and which amendments were concurred in by the House of Representatives on August 26, 2020.

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MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA Secretary of the Senate

JOSE LUIS & MONTALES Secretary General House of Representatives

Approved: NOV 1 3 2020





