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HOUSE BILL No. 4477



Introduced by: **REPRESENTATIVES SHERNEE A. TAN-TAMBUT AND SAMIER A. TAN**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

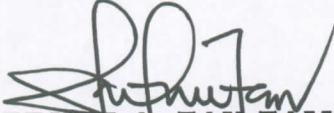
The Sulu Provincial Hospital was established in 1916 with only thirty (30) beds. Six decades later, its bed capacity grew into One hundred (100) beds. Again, after two decades or in 1992, the bed capacity was increased to one hundred twenty-five (125) by virtue of Republic Act No. 7366.

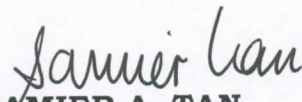
Through the years, the number of patients, particularly the poor and the underprivileged, who sought the services and were admitted to the provincial hospital had increased significantly. The existing 125-bed capacity provincial hospital cannot cope with the ever-increasing number of patients and their diversified health needs, especially those requiring confinement. Increasing its bed capacity to 200 beds and the corresponding increase in the number of medical practitioners and health workers employed in the hospital will result in more patients being accommodated and better served in the provincial hospital.

Section 15, Article II of the Constitution provides that, "*The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.*" While the above-stated policy has been diversely implemented both nationally and locally, present realities still demand an impelling necessity to improve existing health facilities and develop health programs which are appropriate to address the growing and actual health needs of the people.

The present financial condition of the province cannot fully afford to serve the growing number of inhabitants in dire need of health care services. It is therefore the paramount objective of this bill to convert the Sulu Provincial Hospital in the Municipality of Jolo, Province of Sulu into a tertiary level hospital under the direct control, supervision and maintenance of the Department of Health (DOH), in order to upgrade the services and facilities, and increase the number of medical and health personnel as well as its existing bed capacity.

The foregoing reasons warrant the approval of this important piece of legislation.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE SULU PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JOLO, PROVINCE OF SULU INTO A TERTIARY LEVEL HOSPITAL, UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL, SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH), INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY TO TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

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

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

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

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

Approved,