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EXPLANATORY NOTE


This bill seeks to upgrade, modernize and convert the Cotabato Provincial Hospital in the Province of (North) Cotabato into a tertiary level Regional Hospital to be known as North Cotabato Regional Hospital.

The Philippine constitution expressly recognizes the people's right to health. Article II contains the Declaration of Principles and State Policies in which the constitution sets forth the following directive principle: "The state shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instil health consciousness among them". To attain this, the national government have initiated the Universal Health Care (UHC) program which aims to provide the highest quality of health care that is accessible, efficient, equitably distributed, adequately funded, fairly financed and appropriately used by an informed and empowered public. In the advancement of the UHC program the government identified to pursue three strategic thrusts among those is to pursue an improved access to quality hospitals and health care facilities.

The Cotabato Provincial Hospital formerly known as Kidapawan Emergency Hospital was established through Presidential Decree No 733. After the hospital was devolved in 1993, the Provincial Government of Cotabato has since invested tremendous amount for the development and upgrading of the Cotabato Provincial Hospital from a 50-bed capacity level hospital to a 143-bed capacity-secondary level hospital as declared by DOH in 2008. Hospital revenues have seen a dramatic increase from 21 million in 2008 to 92 million in 2013. In 2013 the average occupancy rate was recorded at One Hundred Nineteen Percent (119 %) which is equivalent to 170 patients admitted per day. Despite the fact that hospital services are among the most expensive interventions in health care system the Provincial Government has maintained a position not to generate profit from its health investments, adopting a socialized payment scheme where those who can afford to pay must pay and contribute to the health system while indigents must be fully or partially subsidized.

Due to increasing hospital occupancy rate, the Cotabato Provincial Hospital's MOOE allotment from the Provincial Government cannot sustain the increasing demands of patients seeking consultation, admission and treatment. Limited funding resources hinder the rendering of quality care to patients. To ensure that the quality of health services extended by the Cotabato Provincial Hospital remain at par with the demands of the time there is an imperative need to convert, modernize and upgrade the Cotabato Provincial Hospital into a tertiary level regional hospital.

Hence the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE UPGRADE, MODERNIZATION AND CONVERSION OF THE
COTABATO PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE PROVINCE OF (NORTH) COTABATO INTO
THE NORTH COTABATO REGIONAL HOSPITAL UNDER THE CONTROL,
MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **Section 1.** The Cotabato Provincial Hospital is hereby upgraded, modernized and
2 converted into a Regional Hospital to be known as the NORTH COTABATO REGIONAL
3 HOSPITAL.
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5 **Section 2.** The upgrading shall provide the provincial hospital in the Province of
6 Cotabato with the capability of a tertiary level hospital increasing therefore its bed
7 capacity into three hundred (300)
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9 **Section 3.** Upon its upgrading and modernization, the North Cotabato Regional
10 Hospital shall be under the direct control, management and supervision of the
11 Department of Health.
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13 **Section 4.** The Department of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and
14 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.
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16 **Section 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in
17 the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
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19 Approved.