Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao Cotabato City

THIRD LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (Second Regular Sesson)

Begun and held in Cotabato City, on Monday, the twenty eight day of April, nineteen hundred and ninety seven.

[MUSLIM MINDANAO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 55]

AN ACT CONVERTING THE SULU PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JOLO, PROVINCE OF SULU INTO SULU REGIONAL HOSPITAL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Regional Legislative Assembly in session assembled:

- SECTION 1. The Sulu Provincial Hospital in the Municipality of Jolo, Province of Sulu, is hereby converted into Sulu Regional Hospital.
- SEC. 2. The Sulu Regional Hospital shall be supervised by the Regional Department of Health of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).
- SEC. 3. The Sulu Regional Hospital which shall maintain a standard organizational structure for its operation shall be headed by a Director to be appointed by the Regional Governor upon recommendation by the Regional Secretary of the Department of Health. Upon appointment, the Director must be a resident of the ARMM for at least five (5) years in addition to the qualification required by Civil Service Law.
- SEC. 4. The facilities and services of the hospital shall be upgraded to such level as may be deemed necessary which shall include the modernization of hospital equipment and medical specialized services.

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SEC. 5. For the initial operation of the Regional Hospital, the required amount shall be charged to the unexpended balance of the appropriations of the Sulu Provincial Hospital which shall be augmented out of funds in the Regional Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Thereafter, its regular budget and appropriations shall be included in the budget proposals of the Autonomous Regional Government for incorporation in the National and Regional General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED:

KABELAN G. SEMA Speaker

This Act was passed by the Regional Legislative Assembly on July 22, 1997.

WILSON S. ANNI Secretary

APPROVED:

PROF. NUR MISUARI Regional Governor

Date: ____