Republic of the Philippines Congress of the Philippines Metro Manila Kighteenth Congress Third Regular Session

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

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11715]

AN ACT CONVERTING THE COTABATO SANITARIUM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SULTAN KUDARAT, PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO INTO A GENERAL HOSPITAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE COTABATO SANITARIUM AND GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Cotabato Sanitarium in the Municipality of Sultan Kudarat, Province of Maguindanao, is hereby converted into a general hospital, to be known as the Cotabato Sanitarium and General Hospital (CSGH), which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

- SEC. 2. The bed capacity of the CSGH shall be increased from forty (40) to two hundred fifty (250) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the DOH.
- SEC. 3. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the CSGH shall also be upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as provided for in Section 2 hereof.
- SEC. 4. The existing workforce of the CSGH, which includes doctors, nurses, and support personnel, shall also be increased correspondingly. The Secretary of the DOH shall, after consultation with the Chief of the CSGH, and in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management and the Commissioner of the Civil Service Commission, determine the additional new positions to be created and filled up.
- SEC. 5. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the DOH's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
- SEC. 6. 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. 7. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.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.

VICENTE C. SOTTO III
President of the Senate

Approved.

LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO Speaker of the House of Representatives This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Philippines on December 1, 2020 and January 31, 2022, respectively.

MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA Secretary of the Senate MARK ELANDOOL. MENDOZA Secretary General House of Representatives

Approved: APR 2 9 2022

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President of the Philippines

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