

Republic of the Philippines
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY
Cotabato City

Second Regular Session

BTA Bill No. 103

Introduced by **MP AMILBAHAR S. MAWALLIL**
Co-Authored by **MP AL-SYED A. SALI, MP EDDIE M. ALIH**

AN ACT
UPGRADING DATU HALUN SAKILAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL INTO A LEVEL II
HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL
HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS
MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Province of Tawi-Tawi comprises eleven island municipalities, all encompassed by two legislative districts and further subdivided into 203 barangays. Hence, the Datu Halun Sakilan Memorial Hospital was established to ensure the accessible delivery of an integrated, quality, and sustainable health service to all its residents in the province.

Since its creation in 1974, it remains to be a Level 1 hospital with a limited budget for operations and severely deficient health manpower status. Positions for nurses, doctors and other vital positions are significantly below the WHO standards for human resource for health.

In 1982, Batas Pambansa Blg. 257 converted the Datu Halun Sakilan Memorial Hospital to a provincial hospital with seventy-five (75) bed capacity.

Despite its conversion, it is still difficult for the hospital to attend to all of the residents due to an inadequate amount of medical equipment, medicine, and healthcare staff. First, the only way for most of the populace to visit the hospital is by riding a boat, since the municipalities are scattered in islands. To travel to the nearest Level II medical facility in Zamboanga City, it takes the average Tawi-Tawi resident 16 hours to travel by boat and taking a flight remains a non-economical alternative.

To further highlight the urgency, the Level I 75-bed capacity hospital presently has a 150-200% bed occupancy rate. This overloaded capacity, coupled with the insufficient budget which amount is shared concomitantly by 11 Rural Health Units in the province, makes it much difficult for field health workers to implement the health programs and deliver basic health services in the remote areas.

On behalf of our constituents from the island provinces, the doctors and allied health professionals of Datu Halun Sakilan Memorial Hospital, and as a native of the Province of Tawi-Tawi, this representation is sponsoring this bill with urgency and without reservation, in fulfillment of our obligations under the Bangsamoro Organic Law to adopt a policy on health that provides for a comprehensive and integrated health service delivery for our constituents.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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Section 1. The Datu Halun Sakilan Memorial Hospital is hereby converted into a Level II Hospital, under the direct supervision and control of the Ministry of Health (MOH), Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

The authorized bed capacity of the provincial hospital is hereby increased from seventy-five (75) to one hundred (100) beds.

Section 2. The existing service facilities and other services of the hospital are hereby upgraded to conform with the bed capacity increase as provided for in Section 1 hereof.

The existing medical personnel shall also be correspondingly increased. The Ministry of Health, in coordination with the Ministry of Finance, Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission, shall determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up in coordination with the management of the Datu Halun Sakilan Memorial Hospital.

Section 3. The Bangsamoro Autonomous Government shall provide the necessary funds to support the increase in bed capacity of the Datu Halun Sakilan Memorial Hospital and the corresponding upgrading of its facilities and services.

The Minister of the Ministry of Health (MOH), in consultation with the management of the Datu Halun Sakilan Memorial Hospital, shall issue orders, rules and circulars as may be necessary to carry out the implementation of this Act. The Minister of the MOH shall immediately include in the Ministry's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

Section 4. The provisions of this Act are hereby declared separable, and in the event one or more such provisions or part thereof are declared unconstitutional, such declaration of unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of the other provisions thereof.

Section 5. All regional laws, acts, decrees, executive orders, proclamations and/or administrative regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, modified, superseded or repealed accordingly.

Section 6. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of regional or national circulation.

Adopted,

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Secretary General

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