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**BTA Resolution No. 532**



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**A RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (MOH) TO PRESENT TO  
THE PARLIAMENT AN OVERALL PLAN ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND  
UPGRADING OF HOSPITALS, PROVIDING ITS INDICATIVE BUDGET  
REQUIREMENTS, IN ORDER TO AID LEGISLATION**

**WHEREAS**, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2, Article IV of the Bangsamoro Organic Law states that in the exercise of its right to self-governance, the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region is free to pursue its political, economic, social, and cultural development;

**WHEREAS**, Section 8, Article IX of the same Organic Law provides that the Bangsamoro Government shall provide, maintain, and ensure the delivery of basic and responsive health programs, quality education, appropriate services, livelihood opportunities, affordable and progressive housing projects, power and electricity, and water inhabitants of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region;

**WHEREAS**, Section 19, Article XII of the Bangsamoro Organic Law provides that the Parliament shall assign the highest budgetary priority to education, **health**, and social services as may be provided in its appropriations law;

**WHEREAS**, Section 1, Title V of the Bangsamoro Administrative Code provides that the Bangsamoro Government shall adopt a policy on health that provides for a comprehensive and integrated health service delivery for its constituents. It shall establish by law a general hospital system to serve the health requirements of its people and ensure that the individual basic right to life shall be attainable through the prompt intervention of excellent and affordable medical services;

**WHEREAS**, the same Section of the above-mentioned law states that the Bangsamoro Government shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. It shall also uphold the peoples' right to have access to essential goods, health, and other social services that promote their well-being;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2, Title V of the Bangsamoro Administrative Code states that the Ministry of Health (MOH) shall be primarily responsible for the formulation, planning, implementation and coordination of policies and programs for health. It shall promote, protect, preserve, and restore the health of the people through the provision and delivery of health services through regulation and encouragement of providers of health goods and services;

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization defined health as a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. It is a resource for everyday life, not the objective of living. It is a positive concept emphasizing social and personal resources, as well as physical capacities. This means that health is a resource to support an individual's function in wider society;

**WHEREAS**, considering the current challenges confronting the Bangsamoro people because of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, it is high time for the Bangsamoro Government to improve its health services by upgrading and building more health facilities in the region to cater to the needs of the Bangsamoro constituencies;

**WHEREAS**, as of September 29, 2021, there are a total of seventeen (17) bills, which are related to health, filed in the Bangsamoro Parliament. Of these bills, eight (8) aim to establish hospitals while nine (9) seek to upgrade the bed capacity of some hospitals in the region. These measures were already referred to the Parliament's Committee on Health for thorough deliberations;

**WHEREAS**, considering the essentiality and urgency of the hospital bills, there is a need for the MOH to formulate and present an overall plan for the establishment and upgrading of hospitals, which will inform the actions and decisions of the Bangsamoro Government as a whole, in coming up with policies responsive to the healthcare needs of the Bangsamoro people.

**WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BTA PARLIAMENT**, as it is hereby resolved, to require the Ministry of Health (MOH) to present to the Parliament an overall plan on the establishment and upgrading of hospitals, providing its indicative budget requirements, in order to aid legislation.

Adopted,

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