



EXPLANATORY NOTE

South Ubian is a 3rd class coastal municipality in the province of Tawi-Tawi. It has a population of more or less 29,583 people in a land area of around 27,204 hectares. Its most recently published poverty incidence is 25.27% per Philippine Statistics Authority. Their most proximate access to medical services is a health center in the island of Tabawan headed by a nurse and five (5) Barangay health stations in in the municipality headed by midwives. Obviously, the medical services and facilities the center and the stations can provide is grossly inadequate for lack of even a doctor and basic medical equipments. Those who need to avail of proper medical services have to travel all the way to Bongao, the capital of Tawi-Tawi, where the Datu Halun Sakilan Memorial Hospital is situated. The only mode of public transportation is by motor launch or "iantsa" which is only scheduled to depart three times a week. They have to desperately traverse around 96 km of the perils of the sea for 8 to 10 hours usually while in a condition not fit for travel. There were many instances of fatalities while in transit and upon arrival in Bongao because of these conditions. It is the legal and moral responsibility of the Bangsamoro Government to alleviate the plight of these people and provide them their basic right to life, health, and medical services. It is high time that the dividends of peace reach even our most remote and isolated islands.

Section 8, Article IX of the Bangsamoro Organic Law states that "the Bangsamoro Government shall provide, maintain, and ensure the delivery of basic and responsive health programs... to the Bangsamoro people and other inhabitants of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region." Section 22, Article IX of the same law further enunciates 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's basic right to life shall be attainable through the prompt intervention of excellent and affordable medical services." The Bangsamoro Organic law aptly emphasizes the importance and priority of providing health services by stating in Section 19, Article XII on Fiscal Autonomy that "the Parliament shall assign the highest budgetary priority to education, health, and social services as may be provided in its appropriations law.

Ergo, it cannot be overstated, that the establishment of a level 1 general hospital in the Municipality of South Ubian is a necessity for its constituents to live a humane quality of life. I am sure that we have more places in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region that have needed the same for a very long time. It may be long overdue, but the establishment of this hospital is a torch of hope lit in a small island in Tawi-Tawi, the luminescence of which will reach even the furthest areas of our region. This time, nobody will be left behind.



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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LEVEL 1 GENERAL HOSPITAL WITH FIFTY (50) BED CAPACITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH UBIAN, PROVINCE OF TAWI-TAWI TO BE KNOWN AS THE SOUTH UBIAN MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority in Parliament assembled:

SECTION 1. **Creation.** – There is hereby established the “*South Ubian Municipal Hospital*” in the Municipality of South Ubian, Province of Tawi-Tawi to address the health and social services of its constituents.

SECTION 2. **Purpose.** – The purpose of this act is to establish a level 1 municipal hospital of fifty (50) bed capacity to provide for a comprehensive and integrated health services to the people of the Municipality of South Ubian and its neighboring islands. It is an essential institution in the effective delivery of the health system making health services accessible at any time to the people in need.

SECTION 3. **Services.** – The establishment of the hospital shall include required units and services as the Ministry of Health may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act integrating into its system of operations the appropriate provisions of Republic Act No. 11223 otherwise known as the Universal Health Care Act.

SECTION 4. **Organization; Administrative Supervision** – The South Ubian Municipal Hospital shall be under the direct supervision of the Ministry of Health which shall determine and approve its appropriate organizational structure and plantilla positions.

SECTION 5. **Appropriations.** – The Ministry of Finance, Budget and Management shall provide annual funding for the plantilla positions and the maintenance and other operating expenses of the hospital and shall be made part of the annual General Appropriations Act of the Bangsamoro.

SECTION 6. **Effectivity** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of regional circulation in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

Approved,

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