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**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BULDON GENERAL HOSPITAL WITH 25 BED  
CAPACITY AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF BULDON, PROVINCE OF  
MAGUINDANAO DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The 1987 Philippine Constitution, in Section 15, Article III declares that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. Section 11 Article XIII declares that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development that shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost.

Hospital is a place devoted primarily to the maintenance and operation of facilities for the diagnosis, treatment and care of individuals suffering from illness, disease, injury or deformity, or in need of obstetrical or other medical and nursing care. It is also the place where there are installed beds, or cribs, or bassinets for twenty-four-hour use or longer by patients in the treatment of diseases, diseased-conditions, injuries, deformities, or abnormal physical and mental states, maternity cases, and all institutions such as those for convalescence, sanitarial or sanitarial care, infirmities, nurseries, dispensaries and such other names by which they may designated.

In the northern part of the first district of Maguindanao, there are six (6) Municipalities comprises of the following with its respective population based on the 2020 census of the Philippine Statistic Authority BARMMS such as: Sultan Kudarat with 105,121 population, Sultan Mastura with 25,331 population, Parang with 102,914, Buldon with 39,684 population, Barira with 36,143 population and Matanog with 36,034 population or a total population of 345,227. The aforementioned Municipalities is under the areas of delivery of services of 2 hospitals namely, the Cotabato Sanitarium located at Barangay


Pinaring, Sultan Kudarat Municipality and the Iranun District Hospital located at Parang Municipality with 250 and 25 bed capacity respectively or a total of 275 bed capacity.

Based on the standards set forth by the Department of Health, it provides that the ratio of bed capacity is 1 bed for every 1000 population. Applying such standards, the 275 total bed capacity of the above-mentioned hospitals can accommodate up to 275,000 populations. Given the fact that areas of delivery of services of the above-mentioned hospitals has the total population of 345,227, it is clear that there is a deficiency of at least 70 bed capacity in order to accommodate such populations. Therefore, there is a necessity of establishing a hospital that can accommodate such deficiencies in the delivery of services.

The establishment of a General Hospital with 25 bed capacity in the Municipality of Buldon may serve primarily, but not limited to, the patients coming from the municipality of Buldon but also it may serve as an augmentation and support, when such need arises, to those coming from the Municipality of Barira who will travel 22 kilometers going to such hospital instead of travelling 41 kilometers going to Cotabato Sanitarium hospital. It may also at least lessen the burden of the above-mentioned hospitals in accommodating the patients coming from the other adjacent municipalities.

In view of the above, ensuring access to basic, quality and affordable medical services for Bangsamoro people must be given priority by the BARMM government. Essentially, this can be realized by establishing an General hospitals in identified strategic areas in BARMM, such as in Buldon Maguindanao Del Norte.

Thus, in view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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***Be it enacted by the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao,  
Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) Interim Parliament***

**SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "**THE BULDON GENERAL HOSPITAL ACT OF 2023**".

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is a policy of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao to establish 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.

**SECTION 3. Buldon General Hospital.** - There shall be established a General Hospital with fifty (25) bed capacity to be constructed in the Municipality of Buldon Province of Maguindanao Del Norte.

**SECTION 4. Integration of the Universal Health Care (UHC) Program.** - The establishment of the Buldon General Hospital shall integrate into its system of operations all pertinent and relevant provisions under Republic Act No. 11223 otherwise known as the Universal Health Care (UHC) Act.

**SECTION 5. Administration.** - Upon effectivity of this Act, the Buldon General Hospital shall be under the administrative supervision of the Minister of Health who is hereby authorized to determine and approve the appropriate organizational structure for the management and operations of the hospital.

**SECTION 6. Appropriation.** - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the Bangsamoro Appropriations Act. Thereafter, funds necessary for the maintenance and operation of the hospital shall be provided in accordance with the provisions of the Bangsamoro Appropriations Act and other pertinent laws.

**SECTION 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations** - The BARMM-MOH shall promulgate the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of this Act within sixty (60) days after the enactment of this Act.

**SECTION 8. Separability Clause.** - In the event any provision of this Act or the application of such provision is declared invalid, the remainder of this Act shall not be affected by such declaration.

**SECTION 9. Repealing Clause.** - All laws and regulations under the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) government including those passed under the defunct Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) government regarding the construction, establishment and operations of the Buldon General Hospital not consistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 10. Effectivity** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of regional circulation in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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