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Proposed Bill No. 257



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**“AN ACT CREATING AND ESTABLISHING A LEVEL 1 GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS ALEEM ABDULAZIS S. MIMBANTAS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MASIU, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Republic Act No. 11054, “The Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao” mandates this government to 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 requirements of its people to ensure that the individual basic right to life shall be attainable through the prompt intervention of excellent and affordable medical services.

Needless to state, Bangsamoro people shall have access to basic, quality, and affordable medical services. One way to achieve this is by establishing general hospitals in strategic areas like the municipality of Masiu in Lanao Del Sur province.

Currently, patients in the Lanao Sur province, including those from Masiu and neighboring municipalities, have to travel to Marawi City for medical consultations or hospitalization. The travel from Masiu to Marawi City takes approximately an hour and thirty minutes, or even longer from remote barangays. Delays caused by frequent road constructions on the highway can further prolong the travel time. As a result, due to the distance and financial limitations, some patients choose not to seek medical care at all.

Besides improving public health, it is also an urgent need to establish a general hospital to bring economic benefits as well. Additionally, the hospital shall be named as the Aleem Abdulazis S. Mimbantas Memorial Hospital in honor of the memory of Aleem

Abdulazis S. Mimbantas who had been the Vice Chairman for Military Affairs of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF). His contribution in the struggle of Bangsamoro to self-determination greatly contributed to what we are reaping today. He untiringly advocated the signing of the peace agreement between the MILF and the national government primarily for the welfare and development of Muslims in Mindanao.

Thus, in view of the foregoing, passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.

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

**Section 1. Short Title.** — This Act shall be known as the “ALEEM ABDULAZIS S. MIMBANTAS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ACT OF 2023.”

**Section 2. Declaration of Policy.** — It is a policy of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao to provide for a comprehensive and integrated health service delivery for its constituents and 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. Towards this end, and in order to adequately respond to emergencies, disasters and emerging diseases, the Bangsamoro Government shall protect the interest and promote the well-being and the medical needs of the Bangsamoro People.

**Section 3. Aleem Abdulazis S. Mimbantas Memorial Hospital.** — There shall be established, under direct control and supervision of Ministry of Health, a fifty bed capacity general hospital in the Municipality of Masiu, Province of Lanao del Sur, to be known as Aleem Abdulazis S. Mimbantas Memorial Hospital.

Any further increase in bed capacity and upgrading of health care services and facilities shall be based on hospital development plan which shall be prepared by the Ministry of Health to reflect the development goals of the hospital.

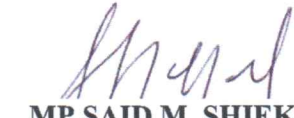
**Section 4. Appropriations.** — The Ministry of Health shall immediately include in the Ministry's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the Bangsamoro Appropriations Act.

**Section 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** -- The Ministry of Health shall promulgate the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of this Act within sixty (60) days after the enactment of this Act.

**Section 6. Separability Clause.** -- In the event any provision of this Act is declared invalid, the remainder of this Act shall not be affected by such declaration.

**Section 7. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of regional circulation in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.

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