CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS Third Regular Session

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 10325

BY REPRESENTATIVE TEJADA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1278

AN ACT

CONVERTING THE COTABATO PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF KIDAPAWAN, PROVINCE OF COTABATO, INTO A TERTIARY LEVEL REGIONAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE NORTH COTABATO REGIONAL HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. The Cotabato Provincial Hospital located in the City of Kidapawan, 1 Province of Cotabato, is hereby upgraded into a tertiary level regional hospital to be 2 known as the North Cotabato Regional Hospital (NCRH), which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH).

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SEC. 2. The authorized bed capacity of the NCRH shall be increased from fifty (50) to three hundred (300) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan that shall be prepared by the Chief of Hospital of the NCRH, and submitted to the DOH.

11 SEC. 3. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the NCRH 12 are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed 13 capacity as provided for in Section 2 hereof.

15 SEC. 4. The existing workforce of the NCRH, which includes doctors, nurses, and support personnel, shall be increased correspondingly. 16

18 SEC. 5. The DOH shall determine the staffing pattern of the NCRH subject to the evaluation and approval of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and 19 20 appoint the officials and employees of the NCRH in accordance with existing civil service laws, rules and regulations. 21

SEC. 6. The DBM shall, in consultation with the DOH and the Provincial Government of Cotabato, determine the cost of the renationalized functions relative to the operations of the NCRH, which shall be charged to the current national tax allotment (NTA) of the Province of Cotabato. Thereafter, such amount shall be allocated to the DOH, chargeable against the NTA of the Provincial Government of Cotabato.

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SEC. 7. The Secretary of the DOH shall immediately include in the Department's
subsidy programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included
in the annual General Appropriations Act.

11 SEC. 8. All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations that are 12 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified 13 accordingly.

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SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,