

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8543, February 23, 1998 ]**

**AN ACT CONVERTING THE BASILAN PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ISABELA, PROVINCE OF BASILAN, INTO A TERTIARY HOSPITAL UNDER THE FULL ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, INCREASING ITS CAPACITY TO ONE HUNDRED (100) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The Basilan Provincial Hospital in the Municipality of Isabela, Province of Basilan, is hereby converted into a tertiary hospital which shall be under the full administrative and technical supervision of the Department of Health (DOH): Provided, That the present funding support of the province is continued.

SEC. 2. The Department of Health shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,

**(Sgd.) ERNESTO M. MACEDA**

*President of the Senate*

**(Sgd.) JOSE DE VENECIA JR.**

*Speaker of the House of  
Representatives*

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on December 2, 1997 and November 24, 1997, respectively.

**(Sgd.) LORENZO E. LEYNES JR.**

*Secretary of the Senate*

**(Sgd.) ROBERTO P. NAZARENO**

*Secretary General House of  
Representatives*

Approved:

**FIDEL V. RAMOS**

*President of the Philippines*

Lapsed into law on February 23, 1998 without the signature of the President, in