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HOUSE BILL NO. 1543



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Introduced by **Hon. GABRIEL LUIS R. QUISUMBING**

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Eversley Childs Sanitarium is licensed as a special secondary general hospital. It serves mainly Regions 7, 8, and 10 for leprosy control activities. It is the only Department of Health (DOH) retained hospital in the North of Cebu. At present, Eversley Childs Sanitarium has an authorized bed capacity (ABC) of 450 beds as a Sanitarium, but the actual or implementing beds of the hospital is only 130 beds. As a Secondary Level General Hospital, the ABC is 50 beds, although the actual or implementing beds is now at 80 - 100 beds.

Eversley Childs Sanitarium is the first regional institution established purposely to make segregation and treatment of patients suffering from Hansen's disease or leprosy in Central Visayas. It was a departure from the system of compulsory segregation of bacterio-positive cases in Culion, an island in Palawan.

Before World War II, the number of confined patients reached to over a thousand; but with the implementation of RA 4073, which provides for a more liberalized domiciliary concept of management of people afflicted with Hansen's disease, and with the success of the Multi-Drug Therapy, the number of those confined steadily declined. With the implementation of Department Order No. 72, s. 1994 calling for the redirection of roles and responsibilities of sanitarium, Eversley Childs Sanitarium assumed the expansion role in 2002.

In 2005, Eversley Childs Sanitarium opened its general services such as Obstetrics, Gynecology, Family Medicine, Pediatrics and Surgery. It also offered other services including family planning counseling, immunization and major, medium, and minor surgical operation. Thus, the hospital has been flooded with cases outside of its main service as a leprosarium.

The author submits that in view of the foregoing role of Eversley Childs Sanitarium, adding "General Hospital" to the name of this health facility will help in its advocacy for the different health care services offered in this hospital. It is only fitting to change its name to Eversley Childs Sanitarium and General Hospital.

Hence the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF EVERSLEY CHILDS SANITARIUM  
HOSPITAL TO EVERSLEYCHILDS SANITARIUM AND GENERAL HOSPITAL**

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

**SECTION 1. Change of Hospital Name.** The name Eversley Childs Sanitarium in the City of Mandaue, Province of Cebu is hereby changed to Eversley Childs Sanitarium and General Hospital.

**SECTION 2. Effectivity.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication an at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.