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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3636

Introduced by: Honorable Noel L. Villanueva

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to change the name of the Concepcion District Hospital in the Municipality of Concepcion, Province of Tarlac to Corazon C. Aquino Memorial Hospital, increase its bed capacity from fifty (50) to one hundred (100) beds, and upgrade its service facilities and professional health care.

Section 15, Article II of the Constitution provides that *"The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."* While the above stated policy has been diversely implemented both nationally and locally, present realities still demand an impelling necessity to improve existing health facilities and develop health programs which are appropriate to address the growing and actual health needs of the people.

The Concepcion District Hospital provides diagnostic treatment, care, counselling, rehabilitation services and other supportive health professional services to the residents of the Municipalities of Concepcion, Bamban, La Paz and Capas. Through the years, the number of patients, particularly the poor and underprivileged, who sought the services and were admitted to the district hospital had increased significantly. The existing 50-bed capacity district hospital which has only three (3) doctors at present cannot cope with the ever-increasing number of patients and their diversified health needs, especially those requiring confinement. Increasing its bed capacity to 100 beds and the corresponding increase in the number of medical practitioners and health workers employed in the hospital will result in more patients being accommodated and better served in the district hospital.

Through this measure, the delivery of primary health care services will certainly be improved and it will also ensure an integrated, efficient and adequate medical health service for the people.

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Moreover, changing the name of the Concepcion District Hospital to Corazon C. Aquino Memorial Hospital will honor the memory of former President Corazon C. Aquino who hailed from Tarlac and was very close to the hearts of the people of Tarlac. If favorably passed into law, it will constantly remind us of the noble deeds of the late President especially for the poor and inspire our constituents and the whole Province of Tarlac to emulate her example of selfless service to the nation while her exceptional courage and leadership gave hope and united the Filipino people at a critical time in the country's history.

It is worthy to emphasize that during the Fifteenth Congress, the House of Representatives had already approved House Bill No. 6750, which sought to increase the bed capacity of the said hospital.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
CHANGING THE NAME OF THE CONCEPCION DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CONCEPCION, PROVINCE OF TARLAC TO CORAZON C. AQUINO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM FIFTY (50) TO ONE HUNDRED (100), UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The name of the Concepcion District Hospital in the Municipality of Concepcion, Province of Tarlac is hereby changed to Corazon C. Aquino Memorial Hospital.

SEC. 2. The authorized bed capacity of the Corazon C. Aquino Memorial Hospital is hereby increased from fifty (50) to one hundred (100) beds.

SEC. 3. The existing service facilities and professional health care services of the Corazon C. Aquino Memorial Hospital are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the bed capacity increase as provided for under Section 2 of this Act.

SEC. 4. The Department of Health shall, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and the Corazon C. Aquino Memorial Hospital, determine the additional plantilla positions to be created pursuant to this Act.

SEC. 5. The increase in bed capacity of the Corazon C. Aquino Memorial Hospital from fifty (50) to one hundred (100) beds shall be implemented within a period of not more than two (2) years from the approval of this Act.

SEC. 6. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,