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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 only 50 beds, although the actual beds utilized for this service is already more than 200 beds.

Eversley Childs Sanitarium is the first regional institution established purposely to make segregation and treatment of patients suffering from Hansen's disease, otherwise known as 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 in the management of people affected with Hansen's disease, and with the onset of the successful 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 all over the country, Eversley Childs Sanitarium assumed the expanded role in 2002.

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

The undersigned author submits that in view of the foregoing role of Eversley Childs Sanitarium, the addition of "General Hospital" to its name shall help in its over all advocacy in catering to the general public in the provision of the different health care services. This change in name shall further the reputation and function of Eversley Childs Sanitarium as a 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 EVERSLEY CHILDS SANITARIUM AND GENERAL
HOSPITAL.**

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

SECTION 1: Change of Hospital Name- The name Eversley Childs Sanitarium
Hospital 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 it's
publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.