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House Bill No. **1227**



Introduced by **HONORABLE STELLA LUZ A. QUIMBO**

**AN ACT RENAMING AMANG RODRIGUEZ MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER TO
AMANG RODRIGUEZ MEDICAL CENTER**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Amang Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center (ARMMC), originally the Eulogio Rodriguez Sr. Memorial Hospital, was established in 1964 as a provincial hospital to provide healthcare to the residents of Marikina City and neighboring areas in Rizal. With the passage of Republic Act No. 8019 in 1995, it was upgraded to a full-fledged medical center and renamed the 'Amang' Rodriguez Medical Center. In 2006, Republic Act No. 9419 was passed to increase the facility's bed capacity. It is due to this law that the facility now goes by 'Amang' Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center.

At present, ARMMC is a teaching and training center and the only tertiary healthcare facility in Marikina City. It is fully departmentalized and equipped with services in the fields of Medicine, Pediatrics, Obstetrics-Gynecology, Surgery, Anesthesia, Pathology, Radiology, and Dentistry. It caters not only to the people of Marikina, but also to those in towns within Rizal and other parts of Metro Manila.

This bill seeks to rename ARMMC to Amang Rodriguez Medical Center, as originally provided in Republic Act No. 8019. The inclusion of "Memorial" in the hospital's name has a negative connotation among the constituency, causing people to associate it with death despite its actual high quality of services and facilities. This misconception has caused people in need of attention to refuse treatment at the hospital. Reverting its name to Amang Rodriguez Medical Center is therefore in the stakeholders' best interest.

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


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

1 **SECTION 1. Reference to Republic Act No. 8019** – Upon effectivity of this law, the
2 Amang Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center shall hereafter be known as the Amang
3 Rodriguez Medical Center, as provided for in Section 4 of Republic Act No. 8019.

4 **SECTION 2. Application** – Provisions in other laws which make reference instead to
5 Amang Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center, such as those providing for increases in
6 bed capacity, budgetary allocation or other rights and privileges, shall continue to apply
7 after the effectivity of this Act.

8 **SECTION 3. Effectivity** – This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
9 in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

10 Approved,