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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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House Bill No. 3718



Introduced by the Honorable Ma. Cynthia “Cindi” K. Chan

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to change the name of the City of Lapu-Lapu to the City of Lapulapu, amending for this purpose Republic Act (RA) No. 3134, otherwise known as the Charter of the City of Lapu-Lapu. Approved on 17 June 1961, RA No. 3134 converted the then Municipality of Opon into a city to be known as the City of Lapu-Lapu. The city is named after the great Datu Lapulapu, the first Filipino hero who victoriously fought in the Battle of Mactan in the 16th century.

On 6 December 2021, then President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Executive Order No. 152, changing the rendering of the name of the Filipino hero from “Lapu-Lapu” to “Lapulapu”. Said issuance was intended to adopt “a common rendering of the name of Lapulapu, so as to conform to earlier references” which will “aid in the education of our youth about Philippine history”. This, in turn, is crucial in the formation of our identity as a people. However, the name of the City of Lapu-Lapu, having been established by statute, remained as such.

Thus, in order to make the name of the city consistent with the name of Datu Lapulapu—whom it was named after—this bill amends RA No. 3134 by changing the name City of Lapu-Lapu to City of Lapulapu.

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


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AN ACT

CHANGING THE NAME OF THE CITY OF LAPU-LAPU TO THE CITY OF LAPULAPU, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3134, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “CHARTER OF THE CITY OF LAPU-LAPU”

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

SECTION 1. The title of Republic Act No. 3134 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“An Act Creating the City of Lapulapu”

SEC. 2. Section 1 of R.A. No. 3134 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 1. This Act shall be known as the Charter of the City of [Lapu-Lapu] LAPULAPU.”

SEC. 3. Accordingly, all other provisions of RA No. 3134 that refers to “the City of Lapu-Lapu” are hereby amended to read as “the City of Lapulapu”.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,