

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

**NINETEENTH CONGRESS**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 7870**



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Introduced by  
**REP. ERIC M. MARTINEZ AND REP. WILFREDO MARK M. ENVERGA**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to rename Valenzuela Medical Center located in Karuhatan, Valenzuela City as the Antonio M. Serapio Medical Center.

Valenzuela Medical Center, once known as the Valenzuela Emergency Hospital, was established in 1979 as a 25-bed secondary hospital in Polo, Valenzuela. In 1992, it was upgraded into a 100-bed secondary hospital and was renamed the Valenzuela General Hospital.

It was eventually transferred to its present site in Karuhatan, Valenzuela City in 1999, through the efforts of Antonio M. Serapio, and was licensed as a tertiary level 4 hospital by the Department of Health in 2005. In 2007, under Republic Act No. 9421, Valenzuela General Hospital was renamed Valenzuela Medical Center and was upgraded to a 200-bed Tertiary – Teaching and Training hospital.

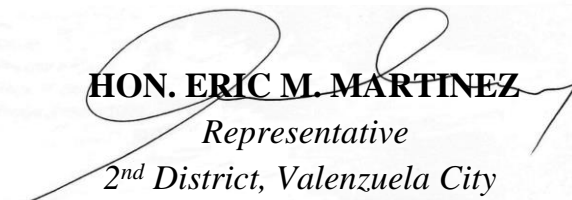
Valenzuela Medical Center's growth from its humble beginnings in Polo to become the premiere medical facility that it is today is owed to the late Antonio M. Serapio who was a true public servant of the City of Valenzuela. After finishing his studies in 1961, he served as an assistant provincial fiscal in Bulacan before becoming a Municipal Judge, and later, a Metropolitan Trial Judge in Valenzuela.

In 1987, he resigned as Metropolitan Trial Judge to serve as the city's lone representative from 1987 to 1998. A second bid to Congress allowed him to represent the city's second district from 2004 until his untimely demise in 2007.

During the years of his public service, Tony Serapio was known to be a simple man who only sought to serve his constituents. Even during his final moments, he showed deep concern for the citizens of Valenzuela and the projects that he wished to finish for the Valenzuelanos.

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

  
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**AN ACT  
RENAMING VALENZUELA MEDICAL CENTER TO ANTONIO M.  
SERAPIO MEDICAL CENTER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9421, ENTITLED “AN ACT UPGRADING THE  
VALENZUELA GENERAL HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF VALENZUELA,  
METRO MANILA INTO A TWO HUNDRED BED CAPACITY TERTIARY  
LEVEL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE VALENZUELA MEDICAL  
CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE”**

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

1           SECTION 1. The Valenzuela Medical Center in the City of Valenzuela, Metro  
2 Manila, is hereby renamed as the Antonio M. Serapio Medical Center.

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4           SEC. 2. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9421, entitled “An Act Upgrading the  
5 Valenzuela General Hospital in the City of Valenzuela, Metro Manila into a Two  
6 Hundred Bed Capacity Tertiary Level Hospital to be known as the Valenzuela Medical  
7 Center and Appropriating Funds Therefor,” is hereby amended accordingly.

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9           SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its publication in the Official Gazette  
10 or in any newspaper of general circulation.

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12           Approved,