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House Bill No. 9585



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**Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL JOSE M. DALIPE**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

With the enactment of Republic Act 11325 last April 17, 2019, the Mindanao Central Sanitarium (MCS) located in Pasobolong, Zamboanga City was upgraded into a tertiary level hospital and the authorized bed capacity was increased to two hundred (200) beds. The passage of the law also upgraded the existing hospital facilities including the professional health care services and human resources complement under the Department of Health.

Given the important role of MCS in the City of Zamboanga as it caters to additional general services on top of its service as leprosarium, there is a need to change the name of the hospital to emphasize the additional hospital services it provides to the general public.

As principal author of RA 11325, the undersigned believes that the renaming of MCS into Zamboanga Regional Medical Center will highlight the hospital's capacity to cater different health care services more than just as a sanitarium.

Hence, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**MANUEL JOSE "MANNIX" M. DALIPE**  
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**AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF MINDANAO CENTRAL SANITARIUM IN PASOBOLONG, ZAMBOANGA CITY TO ZAMBOANGA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**

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

**SECTION 1. Change of Hospital Name** – The name Mindanao Central Sanitarium in Pasobolong, Zamboanga City is hereby changed to Zamboanga Regional Medical Center.

**SECTION 2. Effectivity** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*