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Introduced by Representative LORDAN G. SUAN

AN ACT
RENAMING THE VETERANS MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER (VMMC) LOCATED IN DILIMAN, QUEZON CITY TO VETERANS MEDICAL CENTER (VMC)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Founded in 1955 by Public Law 865 of the 80th U.S. Congress, the Veterans Memorial Medical Center (VMMC) has proudly served Filipino veterans and their dependents for over six decades. Initially established with U.S. government assistance to care for World War II veterans, the VMMC's scope has since expanded through various amendments to encompass retirees of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and their families.

To reflect this evolution and the hospital's significant achievements in upgrading its facilities and services, it is now proposed to rename the VMMC as the Veterans Medical Center. Removing "memorial" from the title aligns with the current focus on living veterans and active healthcare services, rather than solely commemorating the past. This would also avoid potential associations with cemeteries or memorials, ensuring clarity.

In light of the preceding, this bill's approval is fervently sought.

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

SECTION 1. The Veterans Memorial Medical Center (VMMC) located in Diliman, Quezon City is hereby renamed the Veterans Medical Center (VMC).

SECTION 2. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, memoranda, circulars, and other issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. *Effectivity Clause.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette, in a newspaper of general circulation, or on a website provided for by law.

Approved,