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TWENTIETH (20th) CONGRESS
1st Regular Session

House Bill No. 4979



Introduced by **Hon. ELEANOR C. BULUT - BEGTANG**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This legislative measure seeks to rename the Conner District Hospital to Apayao General Hospital and Medical Center.

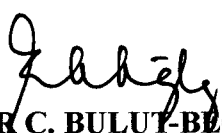
Conner District Hospital (CDH) was established in 1994 through the passage of Republic Act No. 7850 otherwise known as *"An Act Providing for the Establishment of a District Hospital in the Municipality of Conner, Province of Kalinga-Apayao, and Appropriating Funds Therefor"*.

The hospital is named after Conner, one of the seven municipalities in the legislative district of Apayao and is where CDH is located. However, the name may be perceived as a hospital catering only to the needs of "Connerians" when in truth and in fact, it serves the entire province of Apayao and its neighboring provinces in the Cordillera Administrative Region and Cagayan Valley. Thus, the change of "Conner" to "Apayao" will correct the misnomer and emphasize its identity as one of the cornerstones of medical provision in Apayao and the far north.

Further, CDH is originally an eight-bed primary hospital and now an accredited Level 2 hospital with an authorized capacity of 100 beds offering specialized diagnostic and treatment services, advanced medical technology, and expanded catchment coverage. Noting, CDH is being managed by the Department of Health since June 2000. Considering these expanded services of CDH, to include its infrastructure, medical equipment, and health workforce expansion, the renaming of CDH is but just and appropriate to reflect its present standing and functions.

Furthermore, this legislative measure is in support to the vision for said hospital to be a Trauma Center in 2034, one that is in line with the Department of Health's regional health service delivery objectives.

In view of the foregoing, adding the favorable endorsements of the health and local sector, the immediate passing of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT RENAMING THE CONNER DISTRICT HOSPITAL TO APAYAO
GENERAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER**

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

SECTION 1. The Conner District Hospital is hereby renamed as Apayao General Hospital and Medical Center.

SECTION 2. Republic Act No. 7850, entitled "An Act Providing for the Establishment of a District Hospital in the Municipality of Conner, Province of Kalinga-Apayao, and Appropriating Funds Therefor" is hereby amended accordingly.

SECTION 3. All laws, executive orders, issuances, and rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,