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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Historically, the Veterans Memorial Medical Center was established in 1995 by virtue of Public Law No. 865 - 80th U.S. Congress which provides for quality hospitalization, medical care and treatment to World War II Filipino veterans and their dependents, with full assistance of the U.S. Government under the U.S. Veterans Administration.

On its sixty-fourth year, it is timely to recognize the significant achievements of the Veterans Memorial Medical Center by renaming it as Veterans Medical Center. It will reflect the progress it has made in upgrading the hospital's health facilities for the benefit of our veterans and dependents. Although the VMMC was originally dedicated to Filipino soldiers who fought with the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II, various amendments have expanded the definition of "veteran" to include retirees of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and their dependents. In relation to this, it would be more fitting to omit "memorial" from the name especially since the word is more associated with burials or cemeteries.

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



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

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

3 Sec. 2. The Department of National Defense shall issue the necessary rules,  
4 orders and circulars to implement the provisions of this Act.

5 Sec. 3. All existing laws or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of  
6 this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

7 Sec. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the completion of  
8 its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of  
9 general circulation.

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11 Approved,