[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7272, March 24, 1992]

AN ACT CONVERTING THE ZAMBOANGA REGIONAL HOSPITAL IN ZAMBOANGA CITY INTO ZAMBOANGA CITY MEDICAL CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The existing Zamboanga Regional Hospital in Zamboanga City is hereby converted into and shall henceforth be known as the Zamboanga City Medical Center, hereinafter called the Medical Center.

SEC. 2. The Medical Center shall serve as the principal hospital facility of Region IX. It shall have a minimum bed capacity of two hundred fifty (250).

SEC. 3. The Medical Center shall be under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health which is hereby authorized to organize the management and administration thereof in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations: Provided, however, That the present staff and personnel of the Zamboanga Regional Hospital shall be transferred to and absorbed by the Medical Center.

SEC. 4. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the lump-sum appropriations authorized for the purpose under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of the hospital shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. All lands, buildings, unexpected appropriations, and other properties and assets, fixed and movable, belonging to the Zamboanga Regional Hospital are hereby transferred to the Zamboanga City Medical Center.

SEC. 6. The Secretary of the Department of Health is hereby directed to immediately implement this Act.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. Approved,

(Sgd.) NEPTALI A. GONZALES

(Sgd.) RAMON V. MITRA

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on January 23, 1991 and January 23,