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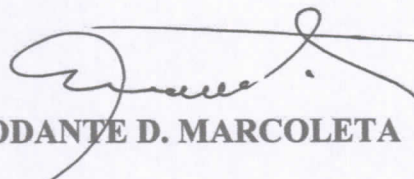
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Presence of crucifixes in many local hospital suites appears normal but it raises serious interfaith issues. First off, the crucifix is the most salient representation of the Catholic church. Its existence in these health care institutions presupposes singular church membership.

In our country, where people are ultra-sensitive about their faith, a minor swipe at their religion is such a major slight. Hence, a non-Catholic patient would be ill at ease to find a crucifix hovering in his or her room.

Hence, it should be a matter of option that such religious mementos should be hung inside hospital suites.

The immediate passage of this bill is thus most earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**MAKING THE HANGING OF RELIGIOUS MEMENTOS, SUCH AS**  
**CRUCIFIXES, IN HOSPITAL SUITES OPTIONAL**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the 'Neutrality of Religion in Health Care Institutions Act.'

SEC. 2. It shall hereby be mandated that the hanging of religious mementos, such as crucifixes, in hospital suites is optional.

SEC. 3. Under this Act, patients reserve the right to decide whether the suite/room assigned to them should bear religious mementos, such as crucifixes.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval and publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*