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HOUSE BILL NO. 2731

Introduced by Representative Ferjanel G. Biron, M.D.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the policy of the State to prioritize the needs of the underprivileged and the elderly by establishing programs beneficial to the senior citizens, their families and the rest of the community. To maximize the role of the senior citizens to nation-building, the government is expected to adopt measures whereby the senior citizens are assisted and appreciated by the community for their contributions.

This measure seeks to provide the elderly with services in the form of actual teaching, demonstration and transfer of new skills and expand the opportunities for gainful employment through available technology and livelihood programs. In this way, we widen the base of participation of senior citizens in national economic development.

It is in this light that I urge this august body to approve this bill.


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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SENIOR CITIZENS TECHNOLOGY
AND LIVELIHOOD CENTER IN EVERY BARANGAY
IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT OF ILOILO AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established a Senior Citizens Technology and Livelihood Center in every barangay in the Fourth District of Iloilo to motivate and encourage our senior citizens to contribute to nation-building while at the same time earn for themselves and their families.

SEC. 2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), in coordination with the local government units concerned, is hereby tasked to set up the said center and establish a technology and livelihood program and provide the working mechanisms fitted to the elderly. The DSWD shall formulate the guidelines for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 4. All laws, executive orders, proclamations, presidential decrees, rules and regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved.