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HOUSE BILL NO. 2865

Introduced by Congressman Antonio M. Diaz

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Pursuant to Article XV, Section 4 of the Constitution, it is the duty of the family to take care of its elderly members while the State may design programs of social security for them. In addition to this, Section 10 in the Declaration of Principles and State Policies states: "The State shall provide social justice in all phases of national development". Further, Article XIII, Section 11 provides: "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, elderly, women and children." Consonant with these constitutional principles, the State shall give full support to the improvement of the total well-being of the elderly and their full participation in society. 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 measures 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 SECOND DISTRICT OF ZAMBALES 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 Second District of Zambales 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.