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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 5176

Introduced by Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Senior citizens, by definition, are those who at the prime of their lives have contributed immensely to nation building.

As long-time taxpayers, they have given more to the State.

Therefore, from whom much is taken, much may also be given in return, hence the context of this humble measure.

Incidentally, current laws have given only so much, maybe still less than government should.

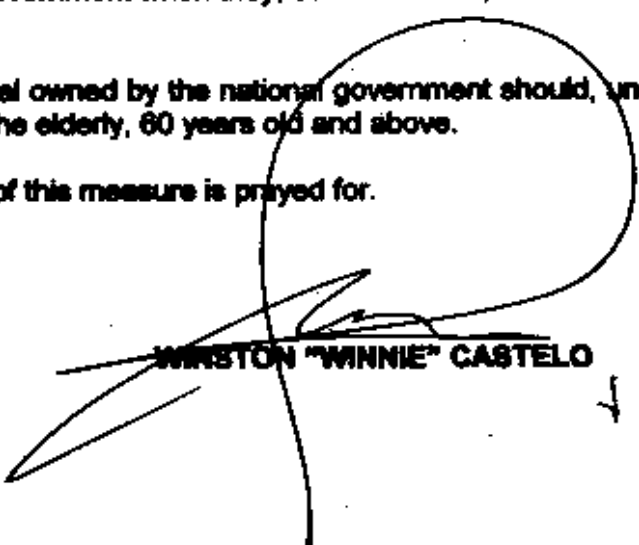
This proposal envisions being able to grant free hospitalization to senior citizens, provided however, that they are the indigent type.

This free hospitalization is a gesture of government that simply acknowledges how the now indigent senior citizens have worked hard and helped so much in nation building during their more productive years.

Giving free hospitalization is deemed a refund on the labors, toils, and taxpayers money that they have given to government when they, senior citizens, used to be in their most productive state.

Thus, every public hospital owned by the national government should, under this bill, grant free hospitalization to the elderly, 60 years old and above.

The immediate passage of this measure is prayed for.



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AN ACT
MANDATING A PUBLIC HOSPITAL OWNED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO
GRANT FREE HOSPITALIZATION TO INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZEN

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

SECTION 1. A public hospital owned by the national government is hereby mandated to grant free hospitalization to indigent senior citizen.

SEC. 2. The Department of Health shall issue appropriate rules and regulations to effectively carry out the provision of this Act.

SEC. 3. All issuances, laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof not consistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,

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