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HOUSE BILL No. _____



Introduced by Hon. Carol Jayne B. Lopez

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It may be said that our present crop of senior citizens are endowed with better benefits now more than ever. The enactment of various pieces of legislation has somehow alleviated their plight, especially those who are underprivileged. Much however can still be done for these citizens who in their earlier and more productive years has devoted their blood, sweat and tears not only to sustain their families but to pump up the economy as well. With the current state of benefits from various social legislations already in place, further efforts at relieving and improving their situation can still be made provided that it will not be too much already for the State to sustain and so long as only those found to be really qualified thereto actually benefit therefrom.

This proposal therefore envisions a free government hospitalization to qualified senior citizens but who are 70 years in age or above and provided further that they are indigents, as properly certified.

It is hoped that this bill will be approved.


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AN ACT DIRECTING PUBLIC HOSPITALS OWNED BY THE NATIONAL
GOVERNMENT TO GRANT FREE HOSPITALIZATION TO
INDIGENT and QUALIFIED SENIOR CITIZENS

*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 directed to grant free hospitalization to indigent senior citizens aged seventy (70) years old and above and whose indigency is certified by the Municipal or City Social Welfare Officer of the area where he/she is a resident for at least six (6) months prior to hospitalization.

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

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 All issuances, laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof not consistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 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,