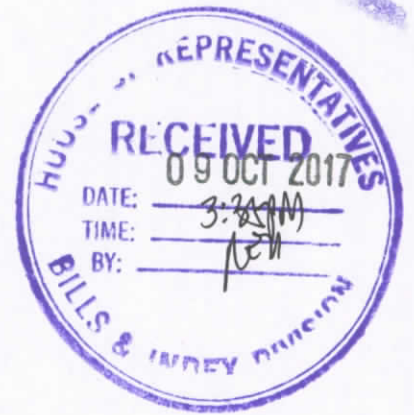


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create an elderly care and nursing facility for our beloved senior citizens in every city and municipality all-throughout the country.

The reality is that there are certain Filipino families who cannot take care of, provide for, and take charge of their senior citizen relatives. Through this bill, now, they have an option on where they can place their relatives where they will be well cared for and be provided an opportunity to socialize with their fellow senior citizens within their communities.

The culture embedded within Filipino families are know to be as close-knit as possible. We, as a people, are know to take care of our aging relatives and provide for their needs until their death. But nowadays, many families, especially those among the poor, have a difficult time in making ends meet for their family, much less, take care of an ailing senior citizen family-member.

There are certain times that these neglected and abandoned senior citizens are found in the streets, begging for food and shelter. There are certain instances that poor families see their senior citizens as a great burden, financially and emotionally.

These centers will give these senior citizens a sense of dignity and belongingness and give them the necessary care and support that they deserve.

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SENIOR CITIZENS CARE AND NURSING
CENTER IN ALL CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of representatives of the Philippine in Congress
assembled:*

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “National Senior Citizens Care and Nursing Home Act.”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of State Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to provide senior citizens care and nursing home in every local government unit by providing quality and affordable care and nursing facilities to senior citizen Filipinos.

SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms.* – For purposes of this Act, the following terms are defined as follows:

- a. Senior Citizen – is a person who is sixty (60) years old and above.
- b. Senior Citizen Care – is the fulfillment of the special needs and requirements of senior citizens.

- c. Care and Nursing Center – refers to the place and the facilities that are designed to provide skilled care to senior citizens twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

SECTION 4. *Coverage* – This Act shall apply to all senior citizens who wish to avail of the senior citizen care and nursing services in all cities and municipalities and whose family members cannot provide or meet the special needs and requirements of the senior citizen.

SECTION 5. *Location of Day Care and Nursing Center.* – The Local Sanggunian Bayan or City Council shall designate the area in the city where to establish the proposed senior citizen care and nursing center.

SECTION 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Government Agencies and instrumentalities shall provide the necessary assistance and support to fulfill the needs of the senior citizens care and nursing center, such as but not limited to the construction of the center, provision of equipment and qualified manpower.

The Department of Health and the Department of Social Welfare and Development will formulate the rules and regulations, procedures and guidelines to be followed in admitting senior citizens in the center. They will prescribe the necessary criteria for the determination if the senior citizen is qualified for admittance. They will also appoint the person or entity who will administer and supervise the senior citizen care and nursing center.

SECTION 7. *Role of Family Members.* – Family members shall be provided with adequate information on the system as well as for sharing experiences to enable them to care for their senior citizen. They will also be informed on what their responsibilities when their senior citizen is admitted to the center.

SECTION 8. *Personnel Recruitment and Incentives.* – All persons involved in the center shall have adequate and appropriate education and training to be determined by the Department of Health, in consultation with the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

SECTION 9. *Appropriations.* – To carry out the provisions of this Act, there is hereby appropriated the sum of One Billion Pesos (Php 1,000,000,000) from the General Appropriations Act for the current year for the initial construction and purchase of equipment. Thereafter, the appropriation for such as may be necessary for the purpose shall be provided for in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All provisions of laws, orders, and decrees including rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. *Seperability Clause.* – If any part or provision of this Act shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions thereof which are not effected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,