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HOUSE BILL NO. 7761



Introduced by Representative **RODRIGO A. ABELLANOSA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

With a senior citizen population of approximately 500,000 in Region VII, there is a pressing need for the establishment of an integrated facility to provide them with expert medical attention.

Republic Act 9994, otherwise known as the Expanded Senior Citizens Act, recognizes and honors the contribution to society of our elderly, hence granting them the privileges mandated in the said law. As they grow even older, we must also realize that their vulnerability to illnesses increase exponentially and require more frequent and specialized care.

This bill calls for the establishment of the Cebu Geriatric Medical Center, a specialty hospital that will cater to not only to providing geriatric medicine, but also offer a holistic approach to elderly care and wellness and foster a comfortable and productive existence to our aging population.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE CEBU GERIATRIC MEDICAL CENTER
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the state to protect and promote the right to health of its people. Article XIII, Section 11 of the Constitution provides that 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, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children.

Further, Article XV, Section 4 of the Constitution declares that 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. Towards this end, it is the duty of the state to ensure the accessibility of medical services and the availability of specialized healthcare to elderly Filipinos.

Sec. 2. *Cebu Geriatric Medical Center.* – There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Health, a specialized hospital in

Cebu City dedicated to the care of the elderly to be known as the Cebu Geriatric Medical Center.

The CGMC shall have a bed capacity of at least 50 beds.

Sec. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of Health, in coordination with the Civil Service Commission and the Department of Budget and Management, shall formulate and promulgate the rules and regulations to carry out the implementation of this Act.

Sec. 4. *Appropriations.* – The amount of Five Hundred Million Pesos (Php500,000) is hereby appropriated for the establishment, initial operation, and maintenance of the PCMC Cebu. Thereafter, such amounts as may be necessary for its continued operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules, and regulations inconsistent with any provision of this Act shall be deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

Sec. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.

