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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 9201



Introduced by Representative Mercedes “Didi” C. Cagas

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SENIOR CITIZENS TECHNOLOGY AND LIVELIHOOD CENTER
IN EVERY MUNICIPALITY IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the declared policy of the State to promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living and an improved quality of life. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children. Article XV, Section 4 of the Constitution further 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

Consistent with these constitutional principles, this representation recognizes the rights of senior citizens as an integral part of Philippine society and as contributors in nation-building despite their old-age.

With most elderly Filipinos in the Province of Davao Del Sur having no or hardly any savings, this representation believes that providing our elderly with livelihood skills will enable them not only to become independent, productive members of the community, but will also boost their self-esteem and self-reliance towards a more sustainable life in their remaining years.

It is for the foregoing reason that the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. *Establishment.* – There shall be established a Senior Citizens Technology and Livelihood Center in every municipality in the Province of Davao Del Sur to motivate and encourage the senior citizens to contribute to nation-building and see to it that their contributions are maximized.

SEC. 2. *Technology and Livelihood Programs.* – The Department of Social Welfare and Development, in coordination with the Local Government Unit, is hereby tasked to set up the said center and establish a technology and livelihood program and provide guidelines as well as working mechanisms fitted to the elderly.

SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the current appropriations for the Department of Social Welfare and Development. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continuous operation and maintenance of the technology and livelihood center shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,