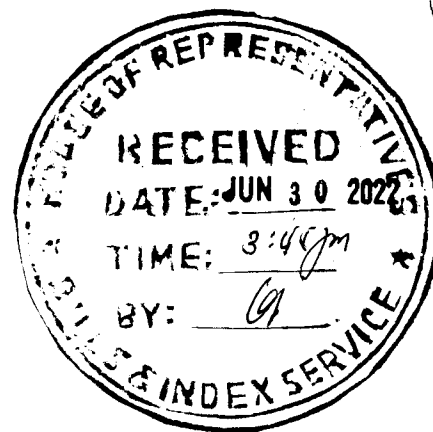




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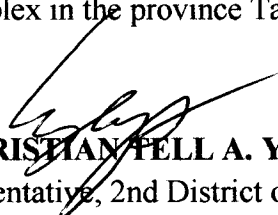
Filipinos have a strong sense of filial piety and a long tradition of caring for aging relatives. However, the changing economic and social environment of the country wherein Filipinos go abroad to support their family, Filipinos living in poverty have a difficult time making ends meet for their family and the increasing life expectancy of elderly require the State to step in to ensure that the special needs and requirements of elderly Filipinos are met.

The National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP), the Department of Science and Technology's (DOST) policy advisory body, is pushing for the implementation of policy proposals aimed at improving senior citizens' benefits, privileges, and healthcare system.

In accordance to Article XV, Section 4 of the Philippine Constitution, "The family has the duty to care for its elderly members although the State may also do so through just programs of social security." The research council also pushes the feasibility of the creation and operation of community-based caregiving services that may cater to neglected or older persons living alone and those needing after hospital care.

The Province of Tarlac, classified as a first-class province can provide the rural atmosphere that is needed to nurture the elderly and provide them with a restful environment not only for the province but for whole Central Luzon Region.

This bill seeks to establish an elderly care and nursing complex in the province Tarlac.

  
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AN ACT  
TO ESTABLISH AN ELDERLY CARE AND NURSING COMPLEX IN THE  
PROVINCE OF TARLAC

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

1           **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “Tarlac Elderly Care and  
2   Nursing Complex Act”.

3           **SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to  
4   provide elderly care and nursing complex in every local government unit by providing quality  
5   and affordable care and nursing facilities to elderly Filipinos, However, for purposes of this Act,  
6   a pilot elderly care and nursing project complex will be constructed in the province of Tarlac to  
7   serve as the testing site and ultimately the model for such elderly care and nursing complex.

8           **SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms.*** – For purposes of this Act, the following terms are  
9   hereby defined:

- 10       a) Elderly - is a person who is sixty (60) years old and above.  
11       b) Elderly Care – is the fulfilment of the special needs and requirements of the elderly.  
12       c) Nursing Complex – refers to the place and the facilities that are designed to provide  
13       skilled care to the elderly twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

14           **SECTION 4. *Coverage.*** – This Act shall apply to all elderly persons who wish to avail of  
15   the elderly care and nursing complex in Tarlac and/or whose family members cannot provide or  
16   meet the special needs and requirements of the elderly.

17           **SECTION 5. *Administration and Supervision.*** – The Provincial Governor shall  
18   designate the area in the province where to establish the proposed elderly care and nursing  
19   complex. He shall appoint the person or entity who will administer and supervise the elderly care  
20   and nursing complex.

1           **SECTION 6. *Role of Government Agencies and Instrumentalities.*** – Government  
2 agencies and instrumentality shall provide the necessary assistance and support to fulfil the needs  
3 of the elderly residing in this elderly care and nursing complex.

4           **SECTION 7. *Role of Family Members.*** – Family members shall be provided with  
5 adequate information on the system as well as for sharing experiences to enable them to care for  
6 their elderly.

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

10          **SECTION. 9. *Appropriations.*** – To carry out the provisions of this Act, there is hereby  
11 appropriated the sum of Fifty Million Pesos (P50,000,000.00) from the General Appropriations  
12 Act for the current year. Thereafter, the appropriation for such funds as may be necessary for the  
13 purpose shall be provided for in the General Appropriations Act.

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

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

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

21          *Approved,*