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Introduced by Representative Romulo "Kid" Peña, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

One of the hallmark characteristics of Filipino families is the way they care for the elderly. Article XIII, Section 12 of the Constitution provides that the State shall endeavor to make essential goods, health, and other social services to people at an affordable cost. That the needs of the underprivileged, sick, and elderly, among others, shall be prioritized.

It is imminent that Filipino senior citizens will require further attention and assistance in their homes. However, not every household is capable of prioritizing and addressing the needs of elderly family members. There are certain realities where elderlies are neglected because of socio-economic restraints and the actual difficulty of caring for an aging relative. Given the situation, the State must then take an active role as the caretaker of the welfare of elderly Filipinos.

This bill will institutionalize and establish an elderly care and nursing complex in every province and city of the country. In coordination with concerned government agencies, the said facility will provide poor families a chance for their elderly members to lead protected and dignified lives. Our aging citizenry were once productive members of society, and they definitely deserve a government that will take care of their welfare.

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


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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AN ELDERLY CARE AND NURSING COMPLEX IN
EVERY PROVINCE AND CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Elderly Care and Nursing Complex Act".

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to provide quality and affordable care and nursing facilities for poor elderly Filipinos. The State shall also endeavor to give priority to the needs of the elderly and actively participate in uplifting their well-being.

SECTION 3. Elderly Care and Nursing Complex. - There shall be established an elderly care and nursing complex in every city and province in the country for all elderly persons whose family members are financially incapable to provide or meet the special needs and requirements of the elderly.

For the purposes of this Act, *elderly* refers to a person who is sixty-five (65) years old and above. *Elderly Care and nursing complex* refers to the place and facility that is designated to provide skilled and professional care to the elderly twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week.

SECTION 4. Location of Complex. - The Department of Social Welfare and Development shall, in coordination with the Department of Health and Department of the Interior and Local Government, determine the location in the province and city of the proposed elderly care and nursing complex.

SECTION 5. Government Assistance. - The Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Department of Health shall provide the necessary assistance and support to fulfill the needs of the elderly residing in the elderly care and nursing complex.

SECTION 6. Role of Family Members. - Family members shall be provided with adequate information on the policies and regulations of the elderly care and nursing complex and shall be guided

on how to care for their elderly based on shared experiences and best practices. They shall also be informed about their responsibilities during the admission of their elderly in the facility.

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

SECTION 8. Appropriations. – The sum necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations of the Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Department of Health. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the continued operation of the elderly care and nursing complex shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 9. Separability Clause. – If any part or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. Repealing Clause. – All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,