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HOUSE BILL NO. 6160

Introduced by Representative Joseph Gilbert F. Violago



EXPLANATORY NOTE

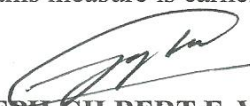
One of the declared principles found in the 1987 Constitution is that the “maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy.” (Art. II, Sec. 5)

In 2020, the Philippine Statistics Authority reported that Filipinos 60 years of age and older comprised 8.5 percent of the population, or 9.2 million. This figure was double the country’s aging citizens’ numbers from 2000, when the percentage was just 5.9 percent of the national population or 4.5 million.¹

It is imperative, therefore, to promote the general welfare of the country’s growing senior citizen population. For this reason, this measure seeks to provide the elderly Filipinos assistance and a venue to raise their grievances in the barangay level, with the end goal of promoting their interests and protecting their rights and general wellbeing.

This commendable bill had been filed in the 17th Congress by Rep. Winston Castelo. Thereafter, similar bills had been filed in the 18th Congress by Rep. Joy Myra Salvador-Tambunting and Rep. Precious Hipolito Castelo, and the present proponent is acknowledging the wisdom and hard work of his predecessors.

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


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¹ N.a. “Children’s population down, elders’ up in last 20 years: POPCOM”. *Philippine News Agency*. 14 August 2022. Web. <<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1181314>>

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SENIOR CITIZENS' GRIEVANCE DESK IN EVERY
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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 “Senior Citizens’ Grievance Desk Act”.

SECTION 2. *Establishment of the Senior Citizens’ Grievance Desk.* – There shall hereby be established in every barangay a Senior Citizens' Grievance Desk through which all senior citizens are enabled to lodge complaints including but not limited to the following:

- a. Violations of their discount privileges;
- b. Domestic abuse;
- c. General community maltreatment.

Provided, that the barangay shall represent the senior citizens and make follow-ups on their behalf with the concerned government agency for the resolution of their issues.

SECTION 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – To fully implement the provisions of this Act, the proper agency shall issue rules, regulations, and guidelines necessary to operationalize the intent and purpose of this Act.

SECTION 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,