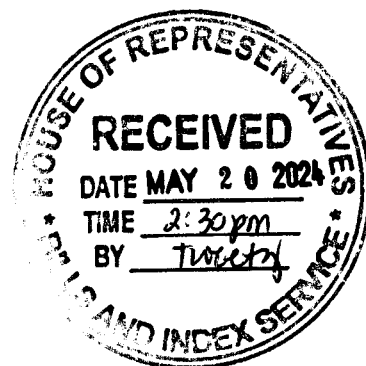


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HOUSE BILL NO. 10433

Introduced by REP. FAUSTINO 'INNO' A. DY V

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create an elderly care and nursing complex for senior citizens in the Province of Isabela.

The 1987 Constitution provides that the family has the duty to care for its elderly members but the State may also do so through just programs of social security.

According to the Philippine Statistics Authority, the population of senior citizens in the Province of Isabela has reached 158,428 as of the year 2020. The growing number of senior citizens in the area necessitates the establishment of social systems and facilities that cater specifically to their unique healthcare and social needs.

This measure seeks to do this by establishing an elderly care and nursing complex for elderly persons in Isabela who wish to avail of such services and/or whose family members cannot provide or meet their special needs and requirements.

Although Filipinos by nature are family-oriented, economic realities may make it difficult for families to take care of elderly family members, especially those with special medical needs. This situation may lead to elder abuse or abandonment which must be prevented.

The establishment of an elderly care and nursing facility in Isabela will ease the burden on families by providing a reliable and professionally managed facility where their elderly loved ones can receive the care they require.

Moreover, this initiative aligns with the government's commitment to promoting the welfare of senior citizens and ensuring that they enjoy a dignified and fulfilling life during their golden year

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



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

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 "Isabela Elderly Care and Nursing Home Act".

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote the right to health and safety of its senior citizens and to extend assistance to them through programs of social security. Towards this end, the State shall provide quality and affordable care and nursing facilities to elderly Filipinos.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. – For purposes of this Act, the following terms will be defined as follows:

- a) Elderly - is a person who is sixty five (65) years old and above.
- b) Elderly Care - is the fulfilment of the special needs and requirements of the elderly.
- c) Nursing Complex - refers to the place and the facilities that are designated to provide skilled care to elderly twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

SECTION 4. Coverage. - This Act shall apply to all elderly persons who wish to avail of the elderly care and nursing complex in the Province of Isabela and/or whose family

members cannot provide or meet the special needs and requirements of the elderly.

SECTION 5. Establishment of an Elderly Care and Nursing Complex in the Province of Isabela. - There is hereby established in the City of Cauayan, Province of Isabela an elderly care and nursing complex that shall be operated and maintained by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in coordination with the local government unit.

SECTION 6. Role of Government Agencies and Instrumentalities. - Government agencies and instrumentalities, particularly the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Department of Health (DOH), shall provide the necessary assistance, capital outlay and personnel support to meet the objectives of this Act.

The DSWD and the DOH shall formulate the rules and regulations, procedures, and guidelines to be followed in the operation of the elderly care and nursing complex. The DSWD and the DOH will also prescribe the necessary criteria for the determination whether the elderly is qualified for admission to the nursing complex.

SECTION 7. Role of Family Members. - Family members shall be provided with adequate information about the system as well as opportunities for sharing in the care of their elderly.

SECTION 8. 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 9. Appropriations. - To carry out the provisions of this Act, there is hereby appropriated the sum of One Hundred Million Pesos (P100,000,000.00) from the General Appropriations Act for the current year. Thereafter, the appropriation for such funds as may be necessary for the purpose shall be provided for in the General Appropriations Act.

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

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

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

Approved,