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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Filipino children up to six (6) years of age deserve the best care and attention at the family and community levels. Towards this end, Republic Act No. 6972 was enacted in 1990 which mandates the establishment of a day care center in every barangay.

Day Care Centers provide support programs that ensure the total development and protection of children. Day Care workers provide necessary supervised recreation, through a balanced program of supervised play, mental stimulation activities, and group activities. They also assist in the care of children and provide consultative services for their medical, educational, and other needs.

Lack of funds has been the perennial problem in our day care system. The government has not been able to provide enough resources (i.e., buildings, materials, medicines, children's books, tables and chairs) and nutrition to support the ever-increasing number of children availing of the day care program.

The present budgetary allocation of the Department of Social Welfare and Development and the LGUs cannot address the deficiency in the day care program due to other priorities.

This bill seeks to address pressing problems in the implementation of the day care program nationwide, specifically shortages of centers, day care materials and equipment, dilapidated centers, and others, by providing for a one-time appropriations to address such deficiencies.

In light of the foregoing, passage of this bill is urgently sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR DAY CARE CENTERS REHABILITATION AND
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, CREATING DAY CARE CENTERS
REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT FUND, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION. 1. Title – This Act shall be known as “Day Care Centers Rehabilitation and Improvement Act”

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to defend the rights of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and to provide them with special protection against all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation, and other conditions prejudicial to their development. Filipino children up to six (6) years of age deserve the best care and attention at the family and community levels. Towards this end, the State shall endeavor to provide Filipino children in every barangay facilities that are adequate, safe and conducive to enable the children achieve their holistic development. Accordingly, the State shall ensure a continuing effort towards rehabilitation and improvement of all day care centers nationwide.

SEC. 3. A comprehensive and continuing Day Care Centers Rehabilitation and Improvement Program (the "Program") is hereby established with the following objectives:

- (a) To address the inadequacy of day care centers in the country;
- (b) To rehabilitate/improve and renovate dilapidated centers;
- (c) To improve the delivery of day care services;
- (d) To foster an environment in the center conducive for barangay level total development and protection of children.

SEC. 4. Day Care Rehabilitation and Improvement Council. – A Day Care Rehabilitation and Improvement Council is hereby created within the Department of Social Welfare and Development. The Council shall be headed by the Department

Secretary as Chairperson and representatives of various national leagues in the provinces, cities and municipalities as member.

The council shall formulate and adopt a comprehensive program and guidelines to resolve the shortages of day care Centers, its rehabilitation and improvement of centers, deficiencies in day care materials, equipment and furniture and fixtures.

SEC. 5. Day Care Rehabilitation and Improvement Fund. – There is hereby created a trust fund, to be known as Day Care Rehabilitation and Improvement Fund for which the sum of Fifty Billion Pesos (P50,000,000,000.00) shall be appropriated. The total amount allocated herein shall be used exclusively for the construction, rehabilitation and/or repair, renovation of day care centers in the country, the procurement of day care materials, equipment, furniture and fixtures pursuant to the programs and guidelines as determined by the Council.

Provided, that all unexpected balance, after the completion of the work and/or procurement authorized for each fiscal year, shall at once revert to the National Treasury to the credit of the appropriation provided for under this Act and shall not be withdrawn from it nor expended, except for the purpose indicated herein. Such unexpended balance for any fiscal year shall be added to the appropriation for the next fiscal year and expended accordingly.

SEC. 6. Bidding. – Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, funds allocated under the provision of this Act shall be executed through public bidding in accordance with Republic Act No. 12009 or the the New Government Procurement Act and other applicable rules and regulations.

SEC. 7. Separability Clause - If any clause, sentence, paragraph or part of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, invalidate or impair any other part of this Act.

SEC. 8. Repealing Clause - All laws, decrees, executive orders, memorandum orders, and other administrative issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby modified, superseded or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 9. Effectivity- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in any major newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,