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House Bill No. 4809



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is a policy of the State that promotes the right to health of the people and instills health consciousness among them (Sec. 15, Art. II, Constitution). Likewise, according to Sec. 11, Art. XIII of the Philippine Constitution provides that the state shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health, and other social services available to all people at affordable cost. There shall be a priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children.

Unfortunately, for the past years, the services of the Centers and Hospitals were not extended to our elderlies, and to ensure the needed health services of the Center were not extended to our elderlies as envisioned. To better respond to the needs of our elderlies, and to ensure that needed health services are available and accessible to them, there is an urgent need provide mandatory health care and access to medical implements to geriatrics and providing funds therefore.

Hence, in anticipation and response to these needs, this bill is filed to ensure the accessibility and availability of health care services to the elderly and cover all maintenance medications and medical implements in accordance with the most recent recommendation of the DOH.

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

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**AN ACT CREATING "THE GERIATRICS CARE MEDICAL ACT OF 2025" AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as *THE GERIATRICS CARE MEDICAL ACT OF 2025*.

SECTION 2. COVERAGE - All those who are in their sixty (60) years of life regardless of status shall be subject to the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 3. COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE - For purposes of this section, the comprehensive coverage for geriatrics shall cover all maintenance medications and medical implements in accordance with the most recent recommendation of the DOH.

SECTION 4. FUNDING - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations authorized for the purpose under RA 9337 otherwise known as the Reformed Value Added Tax.

SECTION 5. COORDINATION OF ADMINISTRATION; LEAD IMPLEMENTING AGENCY - The DOH shall be the lead implementing agency under the provisions of this Act. Coordination of policies relating to the implementation shall be through Secretaries in order to expedite requirements and coordinated implementation that will avoid duplication of implementation efforts and assigns priorities in implementation.

SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS - The DOH, DSWD and the DBM and other appropriate government agencies shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY - This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.