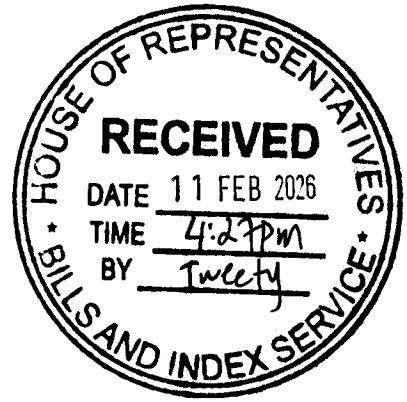


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines is experiencing a steady increase in the population of senior citizens, many of whom require long-term care, medical attention, and assistance in daily living. While families remain the primary caregivers, economic pressures, migration, and changing family structures have made it increasingly difficult to provide adequate home-based care, particularly for indigent, abandoned, or medically dependent elderly individuals.

In the Province of Bohol, especially within the Second District, access to institutional caregiving facilities remains limited. Existing health and social welfare programs are often insufficient to address the growing demand for structured residential and day-care services for senior citizens who require continuous supervision, rehabilitation, and medical support.

The establishment of a government-supported Senior Citizen Caregiving Facility will provide a safe, dignified, and professionally managed environment for elderly individuals in need of assistance. It will also help reduce the burden on public hospitals, local social welfare offices, and families who lack the resources to provide specialized care.

Moreover, the establishment of elderly care and social protection facilities has been identified as a priority concern in local and regional planning discussions,

and the development of caregiving support services for senior citizens has been included among the priority social development concerns raised in the agenda of the Regional Development Council (RDC) of Region VII, recognizing the increasing need for structured elderly care services in Central Visayas.

This proposed measure adopts a fiscally responsible approach by integrating the facility within the existing framework of the Department of Social Welfare and Development, encouraging cost-sharing with local government units, and ensuring that funding remains subject to the regular appropriations process of Congress.

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

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SENIOR CITIZEN CAREGIVING FACILITY IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF UBAY, PROVINCE OF BOHOL 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 "Second District of Bohol Senior Citizen Caregiving Facility Act."

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the welfare of senior citizens by ensuring access to institutional caregiving, health support, and social services, particularly for indigent, abandoned, and high-dependency elderly individuals who can no longer be adequately supported at home or in the community.

SEC. 3. Establishment of the Facility. There is hereby established a Senior Citizen Caregiving Facility in the Second District of the Province of Bohol, which shall serve as a government-run residential and day-care institution for senior citizens requiring assisted living and continuous care.

SEC. 4. Implementing and Supervising Agencies. The facility shall be administered by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) as the primary implementing agency, in coordination with the Department of Health (DOH), the National Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC), and the concerned local government units (LGUs).

SEC. 5. Scope of Services.

- a. Residential and temporary custodial care for indigent and abandoned senior citizens;
- b. Basic medical and nursing care;
- c. Rehabilitation and physical therapy services;
- d. Nutrition, wellness, and preventive health programs;
- e. Mental health, psychosocial, and recreational activities; and
- f. Referral services to hospitals and specialized institutions when necessary.

SEC. 6. Site and LGU Participation. The Provincial Government of Bohol and the LGUs within the Second District shall assist in identifying or providing a suitable site, securing permits, and integrating local health and social welfare support services to reduce national government expenditures.

SEC. 7. Staffing Pattern. The DSWD, in coordination with the DOH and the Civil Service Commission, shall determine a cost-efficient staffing pattern consisting of qualified caregivers, nurses, social workers, administrative personnel, and other necessary support staff, subject to existing civil service and budgeting laws.

SEC. 8. Appropriations.

- a. **Initial Capital Outlay.** Funding for the construction, renovation, or establishment of the facility shall be charged against the capital outlay

appropriations of the DSWD under the current or subsequent General Appropriations Act.

b. Annual Operating Budget. Funding necessary for personnel services, maintenance and other operating expenses, and program implementation shall be included in the annual budget of the DSWD.

c. Cost-Sharing Mechanism. The Provincial Government of Bohol and concerned LGUs may provide counterpart funding, utilities, land, personnel augmentation, or in-kind contributions, consistent with local development plans.

SEC. 9. Acceptance of Grants and Donations. The DSWD may accept grants, donations, and endowments from public or private sources for the improvement and operation of the facility, subject to existing auditing and accounting laws.

SEC. 10. Implementing Rules and Regulations. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DSWD, in coordination with the DOH, NCSC, DBM, and concerned LGUs, shall promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations.

SEC. 11. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 12. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 13. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.