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HOUSE BILL NO. 6534



Introduced by Representative **CARLITO S. MARQUEZ**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to empower the elderly by ensuring them the fulfillment of the special needs and requirements that are unique to the elderly.


Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states 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 the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled women and children. xxx"*

The State and the Filipino family accords due reverence, gratitude and worth to our elderlies. Elderlies are in due recognition that they were once productive members of the society, and that their efforts and contributions in community building shall be paid for by what they deserve. Although extended Filipino families have cared for their elderly in their homes, there are certain realities such as neglect that exist due to socio-economic demands the painstaking care for an aging relative requires.

In coordination with Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Department of Health, such proposal of establishing an elderly care and nursing complex will provide the

poverty-stricken elderly members an opportunity to live the life without worries and anxiety.

Hence, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AN ELDERLY CARE AND NURSING COMPLEX IN
EVERY CITY AND PROVINCE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

Section 1. *Short Title* - This Act shall be known as the “*Elderly Care and Nursing Complex Act of 2020.*”

Sec 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the declared policy of the State to provide quality and affordable care and nursing facilities for poor elderly Filipinos. The State shall also endeavor to give priority to the needs of the elderly and actively participate in uplifting their well-being.

Sec 3. *Elderly Care and Nursing Complex.* - There shall be established an elderly care and nursing complex in every city and province in the country for all elderly persons whose family members are financially incapable to provide or meet the special needs and requirements of the elderly.

Sec 4. *Definition of Terms.* For the purposes of this Act:

a. **Elderly** refers to a person who is sixty-five (65) years old and above.

b. **Elderly care and nursing complex** refers to the place and facility that is designated to provide skilled and professional care to the elderly twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week.

Sec 5. *Location of Complex.* – The Department of Social Welfare and Development shall, in coordination with the Department of Health and the Department of Interior and Local Government, determine the location in the city or province of the proposed elderly care and nursing complex.

Sec 6. *Government Assistance.* – The Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Department of Health, shall provide the necessary assistance and support to fulfill the needs of the elderly residing in the elderly care and nursing complex.

Sec 7. *Role of Family Members.* Family members shall be provided with adequate information on the policies and regulations of the elderly care and nursing complex and shall be guided on how to care for their elderly based on shared experiences and best practices. They shall also be informed about their responsibilities during the admission of their elderly in the facilities.

Sec 8. *Personnel Requirements and Incentives.* – All personnel involved in 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.

Sec 9. *Appropriations* - The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the General

Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

Section 10. *Separability Clause* - If any provision of this Act is held invalid, all other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid.

Section 11. *Repealing Clause* - All laws, Presidential Decrees, Executive orders, rules and regulations or any other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 12. *Effectivity* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.