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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This piece of legislation seeks to provide a mandatory geriatric care for those who are in their twilight years. Geriatrics that have spend productive years working and caring for their families. Those who are in their 60 years of life has for laurels spent strength and sickly bodies, and for some, still struggling to be earning a living, and surviving the rigors of life in order to provide for their families.

Geriatrics in their late stage in life, require special health considerations. Most of them are already in maintenance medications. Most common among geriatrics are hypertension, diabetics, cardiovascular diseases, neurovascular diseases, glaucoma, cataract and failing hearing condition.

Most of them are still capable and still productive members of society if only be afforded with the necessary medical implements. Poor eyesight due to cataract and glaucoma can be corrected by surgery and implants, poor hearing can be corrected by appropriate hearing aid, and geriatric diseases can be controlled by taking maintenance medicines.

Geriatrics are often than not, forced to resign, terminated from employment, rendered unproductive just because they lack financial resources to provide for their medical needs and medical implements. Their productive capacities are aborted and their potential abated.

This bill seeks to provide mandatory health care and access to medical implements to geriatrics and providing funds therefore.

More so, it is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. Likewise, the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights.

It is therefore implored, immediate enactment of this legislation.


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AN ACT
CREATING “THE GERIATRICS CARE MEDICAL ACT OF 2016” AND
PPROPRIATING 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 2016.*”

Sec.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.

Sec.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.

Sec.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.

Sec.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.

Sec. 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.

Sec .7. Effectivity - This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.