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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Alzheimer's is a progressive disease that destroys memory and other important mental functions. At first, someone with Alzheimer's disease may notice mild confusion and difficulty in remembering things. Eventually, people afflicted with this disease may even forget important people in their lives and undergo dramatic personality changes. It is the common cause of dementia – a group of brain disorders that cause the loss of intellectual and social skills. In Alzheimer's disease, the brain cells die, causing a steady decline in memory and mental function.

The purpose of this bill is to provide and improve treatment services for patients afflicted with this disease and expand training and support services for the respective families of the patients by allowing the Department of Health to give grants to public and private health care providers

In view thereof, the early passage of this proposed measure is highly recommended.

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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 "Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Act".

SECTION 2. Grants Regarding Training and Support Services for Alzheimer's Patients and their Families. -

(a) In General. - The Secretary of Health may award grants to public and non-profit private health care providers for the purpose of expanding training and support services for families and caregivers of patients with Alzheimer's disease.

(b) Recipients of Grants. - The public and non-profit private health care providers to whom grants may be made include health care organizations, community health centers, nursing homes, senior centers, community-based organizations, and national government and local health agencies and social service agencies.

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(c) **Outreach Services.** - The recipient must agree to provide outreach activities to inform the public of the services of the program, and to provide information on Alzheimer's disease.

SECTION 4. *Application for Grant.* - A grant may be made only if any application for the grant is submitted to the Secretary of Health and the application is in such form, is made in such manner, and contains such agreements, assurances, and information as the Secretary of Health determines to be necessary to carry out this Act.

SECTION 5. *Appropriations.* - The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the budget allocated to the Department of Health under the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The Secretary of Health shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the proper implementation thereof within one hundred twenty (120) days from the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

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