



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Bill No. 1064

Introduced by Representative Victor A. Yap

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIII, Section 11 of the Constitution provides:

“The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavour 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. The State shall endeavour to provide free medical care to paupers.”

Filipino families have always cared for its elderly members. Given a choice, most Filipinos would want their elderly to remain with them. Unfortunately, majority of the elderly gradually lose their abilities, requiring additional attention and assistance in the homes or elderly facilities.

However, the changing economic and social environment of the country wherein Filipinos go abroad to support their family, as well as the increasing life expectancy of elderly people require the State to step in to ensure that the special needs and requirements of elderly Filipinos are met.

The Province of Tarlac, which is classified as a first class province and has a total land area of 3,053.45 square kilometres, is situated in the center of the Central Plain of Luzon. It constitutes one percent (1%) of the total land area of the country.

Considering its size and location, the Province can provide the rural atmosphere that is needed to nurture the elderly and provide them with a restful environment.

This bill seeks to fulfill this need by establishing an elderly care and nursing complex in the Province of Tarlac.

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AN ACT
TO ESTABLISH AN ELDERLY CARE AND NURSING COMPLEX IN THE
PROVINCE OF TARLAC

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 “Tarlac Elderly Care and
Nursing Complex Act”.

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to
provide elderly care and nursing complex in every local government unit by providing quality
and affordable care and nursing facilities to elderly Filipinos, However, for purposes of this Act,
a pilot elderly care and nursing project complex will be constructed in the province of Tarlac to
serve as the testing site and ultimately the model for such elderly care and nursing complex.

SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms.* – For purposes of this Act, the following terms are
hereby defined:

- a) Elderly - is a person who is sixty (60) years old and above.
- b) Elderly Care – is the fulfilment of the special needs and requirements of the elderly.
- c) Nursing Complex – refers to the place and the facilities that are designed to provide
skilled care to the elderly twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

SECTION 4. *Coverage.* – This Act shall apply to all elderly persons who wish to avail of
the elderly care and nursing complex in Tarlac and/or whose family members cannot provide or
meet the special needs and requirements of the elderly.

SECTION 5. *Administration and Supervision.* – The Provincial Governor shall
designate the area in the province where to establish the proposed elderly care and nursing
complex. He shall appoint the person or entity who will administer and supervise the elderly care
and nursing complex.

1 **SECTION 6. *Role of Government Agencies and Instrumentalities.*** – Government
2 agencies and instrumentality shall provide the necessary assistance and support to fulfil the needs
3 of the elderly residing in this elderly care and nursing complex.

4 **SECTION 7. *Role of Family Members.*** – Family members shall be provided with
5 adequate information on the system as well as for sharing experiences to enable them to care for
6 their elderly.

7 **SECTION 8. *Personnel Recruitment and Incentives.*** – All personnel involved in the
8 Complex shall have adequate and appropriate education and training to be determined by the
9 Department of Health, in consultation with the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

10 **SECTION. 9. *Appropriations.*** – To carry out the provisions of this Act, there is hereby
11 appropriated the sum of Fifty Million Pesos (P50,000,000.00) from the General Appropriations
12 Act for the current year. Thereafter, the appropriation for such funds as may be necessary for the
13 purpose shall be provided for in the General Appropriations Act.

14 **SECTION. 10. *Repealing Clause.*** – All provisions of laws, orders, decrees, including
15 rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

16 **SECTION 11. *Separability Clause.*** – If any part or provision of this Act shall be held to
17 be unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not effected thereby shall
18 continue to be in full force and effect.

19 **SECTION 12. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its
20 complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

21 Approved,