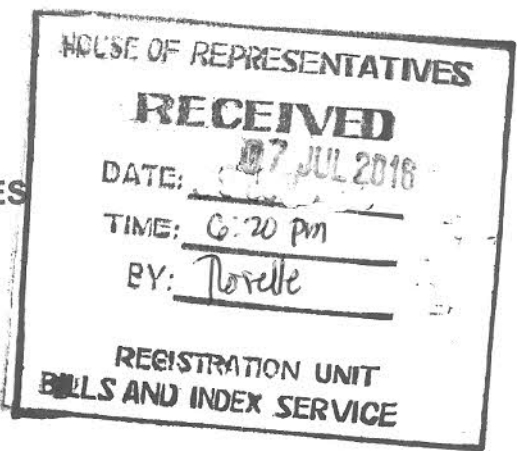


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

It is a matter of State policy to actually prioritize the needs of the underprivileged and the elderly. Toward this end, the State shall establish such programs that are beneficial to the senior citizens themselves as well as to their families and the rest of the community.

As a major sector of Philippine society in terms of population, senior citizens should be enabled to maximize their role in national development as a fitting appreciation of their contributions in their more productive years.

One of the ways would be to establish a technology and livelihood center where they can learn new skills that would open the doors of opportunity for their gainful employment. It is the very intent of this bill to in fact and in effect widen their base of participation as senior citizens in the nation's economic development.

In this light, approval of this measure is most earnestly prayed for

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Winnie Castelo". The signature is written over a large, faint circular stamp. Below the signature, the name "WINNIE CASTELO" is printed in bold, capital letters.

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**AN ACT**

**ESTABLISHING A SENIOR CITIZENS TECHNOLOGY AND LIVELIHOOD CENTER IN EVERY BARANGAY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established a Senior Citizens Technology and Livelihood Center in every barangay in the country to motivate and encourage the senior citizens to contribute to nation-building and see to it that their contributions are maximized.

SEC. 2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development, in coordination with the Local Government Unit is hereby tasked to set up the said center and establish a technology and livelihood program and provide guidelines as well as working mechanisms fitted to the elderly.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 4. All laws, executive orders, proclamations, presidential decrees, rules and regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,