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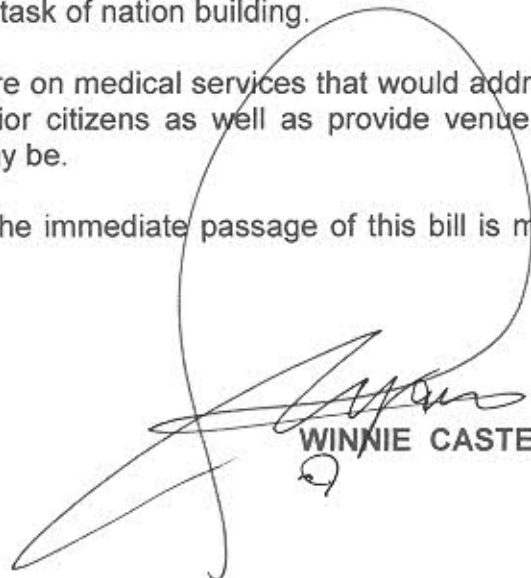
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill invigorates declared State policy that prioritizes the needs of the underprivileged and the elderly by establishing programs beneficial to the senior citizens, their families and the rest of the community.

Thus, government is duty bound to adopt measures whereby the senior citizens can avail of medical assistance and proper health care with the view that they are still able to maximize their role as senior citizens in the task of nation building.

The proposed specialty hospital will focus more on medical services that would address the health and medical problems of the senior citizens as well as provide venue for regular counselling or therapy, as the case may be.

Hence, as a fitting tribute to senior citizens, the immediate passage of this bill is most earnestly sought.

  
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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A SENIOR CITIZENS HOSPITAL IN QUEZON CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE QUEZON CITY SENIOR CITIZENS HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the direct supervision of the Department of Health, a three hundred bed-capacity specialty hospital for the senior citizens in Quezon City, to be known as the Quezon City Senior Citizens Hospital.

SEC. 2. The Quezon City Senior Citizens Hospital shall provide medical specialists and services with particular focus on diseases and health problems of the elderly or geriatrics. It shall likewise provide regular counselling and therapy for the total recovery of the elderly.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations authorized for the purpose under the General Appropriations Act for the fiscal year 2016. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of the herein hospital shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. Before the construction of the hospital, the Secretary of Health shall issue written assurance that personnel of the hospital will be appointed and that funds for its upkeep and operation have been appropriated.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved,