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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIII Section 7 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution reads:

The State shall **adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development** which shall endeavor 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.

It is therefore a policy of the State to make quality health services accessible to everyone, especially to the underprivileged senior citizens.

Quezon City is home to over 330,000 senior citizens of the country. At present, the city's 15 public hospitals are mandated by its local government to set up a ward exclusively for the elderly so that they will not be inconvenienced by being crammed with other sick patients. But more needs to be done.

This bill¹ seeks to establish a public hospital for the senior citizens of Novaliches, Quezon City to accommodate their medical needs. Through this, we are guaranteeing the efficient and effective delivery of health services to the elderly constituents.

In the light of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


ALFREDO D. VARGAS III

¹ The constituent panel on Senior Citizens proposed this policy when this representation conducted the consultative program, *Lehislatibong Ugnayan ng Kongreso at mga Simbahan*.

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AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Health, a fifty (50) bed-capacity hospital for the primary benefit of senior citizens in the Fifth District of Quezon City, to be known as the Novaliches Senior Citizens Hospital.

SEC. 2. The Novaliches Senior Citizens Hospital shall provide medical specialists and services with particular concentration on diseases and health problems of the elderly. It shall likewise provided regular counseling and therapy for the total recovery of elderly parents.

SEC. 3. The Department of Health shall promulgate rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry into effect the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 4. 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 every year thereafter.

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

Approved,