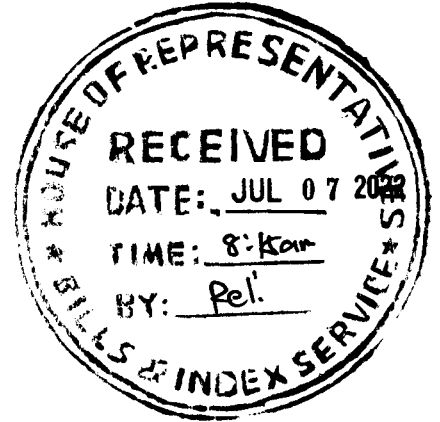


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Constitution of the Philippines 1987 states that that it is the duty of the family to take care of its elderly members while the State may design program of social security for them (*Article XV, Section 4*). Further, it is provided that "(t)he 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" (*Article XVI, Section 11*).

In the City of San Jose Del Monte City, we take pride in our senior citizens for their strong contribution to our history and community. We particularly cherish their presence by showing respect and appreciation through the promotion of their rights and well-being.

One way of showing such respect and appreciation is by providing them with an elderly care and nursing home facility to be able to provide them adequate services to ensure quality of life and dignity fitting to their rightful place in society.

This Act shall assure our senior citizens in San Jose Del Monte City shall be given ample protection and promote their health and well-being.

In this regard, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELDERLY CARE AND NURSING COMPLEX IN THE  
CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE IN BULACAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

*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 “San Jose Del Monte City Elderly Care and Nursing Complex Act”.

**Section 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – For purposes of this Act, it is hereby declared the policy of the State to implement necessary measures to protect the health and well-being of the elderly, by providing basic necessities, adequate nutrition and adequate and affordable healthcare.

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

- (a) Elderly – is a person who is sixty (60) years old and above;
- (b) Elderly Care – is the fulfillment of the basic needs and requirements of the elderly;

(c) **Nursing Complex** – refers to the place and facilities that are designated to provide skilled care to elderly twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) 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 the City of San Jose Del Monte in Bulacan and/or whose family members cannot provide or meet the special needs and requirements of the elderly’

**Section 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Government agencies and instrumentalities shall provide the necessary assistance and support to fulfill the needs of the elderly care and nursing complex, such as but not limited to construction of the complex, provision of equipment and qualified manpower.

The Department of Health and the Department of Social Welfare and Development will formulate the rules and regulations, procedures and guidelines to be followed in admitting elderly persons in the facility. They will prescribe the necessary criteria for the determination if the elderly is qualified for admittance. They will also appoint the person or entity who will administer and supervise the elderly care and nursing home.

**Section 6. Role of Family Members.** – Family members shall be provided with adequate information on the system as well as for sharing experiences to enable them to care for their elderly. They will also be informed on what their responsibilities when their elderly is admitted to the facility.

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

**Section 8. Appropriations.** – To carry out the provisions of this Act, there is hereby appropriated the sum of One Hundred Million Pesos (P100,000,000.00) from the General Appropriations Act for the current year for the initial construction and purchase of equipment. Thereafter, the appropriation for such as may be necessary for the purpose shall be provided for in the General Appropriations Act.

**Section 9 *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees and executive issuance or parts thereof which are contrary to or consistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**Section 10. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected shall thereby remain valid and subsisting.

**Section 11. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,