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EXPLANATORY NOTE

With the digitization of most day-to-day transactions comes more avenues to commit fraud. As senior citizens tend to find it more difficult to adapt to technological advances, they are often primarily targeted for fraudulent activities. Considering the increasing reports of senior citizens being victimized by fraudulent activities, it is incumbent upon the State to adopt a program towards creating awareness in detecting scams among the public, particularly the elderly, their families, and caregivers.

This measure seeks to protect and promote the welfare of our senior citizens by educating them, their families, their caregivers, and the public on how to identify and combat fraudulent activities to prevent mail, telemarketing, and internet fraud from targeting senior citizens.

On behalf of the people of Parañaque City's Second District, and for the common good of the Filipino people, the approval of the said measure is earnestly sought.

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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 "Senior Citizens' Fraud Education Act."

Sec. 2. Centralized Service for Consumer Education on Mail Telemarketing/ and Internet Fraud Targeting Senior Citizens. –

(A) Requirement – The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), alter consultation with the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Secretary of Health, and the Postmaster General, shall:

(1) periodically disseminate to senior citizens, and families and caregivers of senior citizens, general information on mail, telemarketing, and Internet fraud targeting seniors, including descriptions of the most common fraud schemes;

(2) periodically disseminate to senior citizens, families, and caregivers of seniors, information on methods available to report fraud targeting seniors, such as:

(a) referring complaints to law enforcement agencies, including the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI); and

(b) calling a telephone number established by the on for reporting mail, telemarketing, and Internet fraud;

(3) in response to a specific request by a party the inquiring about any history of fraud committed by a particular entity or individual, provide to such party any publicly available information on any record of law enforcement action for fraud against such entity or individual by the on, and by any other agency that reports such actions to the on; and

(4) maintain a website to serve as a resource for information for senior citizens, and families and caregivers of senior citizens, regarding mail, telemarketing, and Internet fraud targeting senior citizens.

(B) Procedures and Commencement. – The on shall establish and implement procedures to carry out the requirements of paragraph (A), including procedures:

(1) concerning the frequency and mode of dissemination of information; and

(2) that provide for the implementation of the requirements of such paragraph not later than one year after the date of the effectivity of this Act.

Sec. 3. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional, any other provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 4. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Sec. 5. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,