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HOUSE BILL NO. 3701



Introduced by Rep. **Precious Hipolito Castelo**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Senior citizens, by definition, are those who at the prime of their lives have contributed immensely to nation building.

As long-time tax payers, they have given much to the State.

Therefore, from whom much is taken, much may also be given in return, hence the context of this humble measure. Incidentally, current laws have given only so much, maybe still less than government should.

This proposal envisions being able to grant free hospitalization to senior citizens, provided however, that they are the indigent type.

This free hospitalization is a gesture of government that simply acknowledges how the now indigent senior citizens have worked hard and helped so much in nation building during their more productive years.

Giving free hospitalization is deemed a refund on the labors, toils, and taxpayers money that they have given to government when they, senior citizens, used to be in their most productive state.

Thus, every public hospital owned by the national government should, under this bill, grant free hospitalization to the elderly, 60 years old and above.

The immediate passage of this measure is prayed for.


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AN ACT

MANDATING A PUBLIC HOSPITAL OWNED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO GRANT FREE HOSPITALIZATION TO INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZENS

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

SECTION 1. A public hospital owned by the national government is hereby mandated to grant free hospitalization to every indigent senior citizen.

SEC. 2. The Department of Health shall issue the appropriate rules and regulations to effectively carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. All laws, issuances, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,