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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 2, Section 15 provides:

SEC. 15. The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

Alzheimer's disease is a degenerative brain disease of unknown cause, which is the most common form of dementia that usually starts in late middle age or in old age. It results in progressive memory loss, impaired thinking, disorientation, and changes in personality and mood that leads in advanced cases to a profound decline in cognitive and physical functioning.¹

The burden of caregiving for patients with cognitive disorders or degenerative diseases falls primarily on the families of the patients. As the disease progresses, an Alzheimer's disease patient will become increasingly dependent upon his or her caregiver, who is mostly a family member.

Thus, this bill seeks to improve treatment services for Alzheimer's patients and expand training and support services for their families and caregivers by authorizing the Secretary of Health to award grants to public and non-profit private health care providers.

The bill provides that as a condition for the grant, the recipient should agree to:

(1) employ a comprehensive approach to care that integrates the treatment of patients with training and support services for families and caregivers;

¹ <http://www.merriam-webster.com/medical/alzheimer's%20disease>.

(2) provide services in the dialects or languages most appropriate for, and with consideration for the cultural backgrounds of the recipients; and

(3) provide outreach activities.²

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² This bill was originally filed in the U.S. House of Representatives by Ms. Waters of California; Mr. Smith of New Jersey; Mr. Van Hollen; Mr. Grijalva, Ms. Bordallo, Mrs. Christensen, Mr. Lynch, Ms. Loretta Sanchez of California; Ms. Linda T. Sanchez of California, Ms. Jackson Lee, Ms. Sewell of Alabama, Mr. Hastings of Florida, Ms. Wilson of Florida, Mr. Payne, Ms. Norton, Ms. Brown of Florida, Mr. Carson of Indiana, Mr. Connolly, Mr. Rangel, Mr. Farr, Ms. Lee of California, Mr. Hinojosa, Ms. Mccollum, Mr. Polis, Mr. David Scott of Georgia, Ms. Clarke, Mr. Ryan of Ohio, Mr. Keating, and Ms. Schakowsky (H.R. 2975, 113th Congress, 1st Session).

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1 AN ACT
2 AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH TO AWARD GRANTS
3 FOR TRAINING AND SUPPORT SERVICES
4 FOR ALZHEIMER'S PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

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

5 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Alzheimer’s Caregiver
6 Support Act.”

7 SECTION 2. *Grants Regarding Training and Support Services for Alzheimer’s*
8 *Patients and their Families.* –

9 (a) *In General.* – The Secretary of Health may award grants to public and non-
10 profit private health care providers for the purpose of expanding training and support
11 services for families and caregivers of patients with Alzheimer’s disease.

12 (b) *Recipients of Grants.* – The public and non-profit private health care providers
13 to whom grants may be made include health care organizations, community health
14 centers, nursing homes, senior centers, community-based organizations, and national
15 government and local health agencies and social service agencies.

16 SECTION 3. *Conditions for Grant.* –

17 (a) *Integration of Treatment, Training, and Support Services.* – The recipient must
18 agree to employ a comprehensive approach to Alzheimer’s care that integrates treatment
19 of patients with Alzheimer’s disease with training and support services for the patients’
20 families and caregivers.

1 (b) *Appropriate Cultural Context.* – The recipient must agree that in any program
2 to be funded by such grant, services will be provided in the dialects or languages most
3 appropriate for, and with consideration for the cultural backgrounds of, the individuals
4 for whom the services are provided.

5 (c) *Outreach Services.* – The recipient must agree to provide outreach activities to
6 inform the public of the services of the program, and to provide information on
7 Alzheimer’s disease.

8 SECTION 4. *Application for Grant.* – A grant may be made only if an application
9 for the grant is submitted to the Secretary of Health and the application is in such form, is
10 made in such manner, and contains such agreements, assurances, and information as the
11 Secretary of Health determines to be necessary to carry out this Act.

12 SECTION 5. *Authorization of Appropriations.* – For the purpose of carrying out
13 this Act, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each
14 of the fiscal years 2014 through 2019.

15 SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid
16 or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall
17 remain valid and subsisting.

18 SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
19 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to
20 or is inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended
21 accordingly.

22 SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
23 its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,