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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 2, Section 15, provides that:

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

The increase in the elderly population have implications in regard to the country's response to the special needs of the aged; specifically, the adequacy of geriatric health facilities, trained personnel and welfare programs for those who cannot afford private healthcare. Despite the traditional high regard for older persons in Filipino society, they are the most vulnerable to neglect as the family tries to face the pressures of survival.

Osteoporosis is one of the major concerns for our elderly population. It may be debilitating, but it can be prevented or at least minimized through proper nutrition and exercise before bone loss. And even those affected by severe bone loss can take preventive measures to minimize the risk of disabilities. To address these issues, early detection, prevention and maintenance are the best weapons.

This bill* seeks to address the need to be informed about osteoporosis, its effects and its prevention.


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* This bill was originally file by the Senator during the Thirteenth Congress

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1 AN ACT
2 INITIATING A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR OSTEOPOROSIS EDUCATION AND
3 PREVENTION

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

4 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act may be cited as the "Osteoporosis Education and
5 Prevention Act."

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7 SECTION 2. *Definition of Terms.* -For purposes of this Act, the term:

8 (1) "DOH" shall refer to the Department of Health;

9 (2) "Secretary" shall refer to the Secretary of the Department of Health;

10 (3) "Congress" is both the Senate and the House of Representatives; and

11 (4) "Osteoporosis" shall refer to a disorder common to elderly women in which calcium
12 and bone protein are depleted, causing bones to become less dense, more brittle, and fracture
13 easily.

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15 SECTION 3. *National Public Awareness Campaign.* - The DOH shall create a national
16 campaign to increase awareness and knowledge with respect to osteoporosis. As part of such
17 campaign, the Secretary shall provide public service announcements, in accordance with
18 applicable law and regulations, by developing and placing in telecommunications media
19 announcements intended to encourage at-risk populations to discuss their risks of osteoporosis
20 with their physicians, and to call attention to early warning signs and risks factors based on the
21 best available medical information.

1 SECTION 4. *Osteoporosis Prevention Demonstration Program.* -

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3 (1) The Secretary shall carry out an osteoporosis prevention demonstration program for
4 purposes of -

5 (A) determining the best practices for providing information and outreach services
6 (including programs and information, such as forums, seminars, and large-print, easy-to
7 understand, multilingual literature) relating to prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of
8 osteoporosis; and

9 (B) measuring the effectiveness of such program over a three-year period, as
10 shown by an increase in the percentages of individuals who have demonstrated expanded
11 awareness and knowledge of osteoporosis (including knowledge of personal risk factors).

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13 (2) In carrying out such program, the Secretary shall collaborate with the leading
14 nongovernmental health organizations, academic institutions, local health officer, as well as
15 other health entities, with a mission both to promote lifelong bone health nationwide and to
16 provide outreach to local governments and communities, for the purpose of determining the best
17 practices for providing bone-health information and outreach services to at-risk populations.

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19 SECTION 5. *Osteoporosis Research and Reports.* - Not later than 18 months after the
20 enactment of this Act, the DOH shall conduct a study on the prevalence of osteoporosis among
21 the country's population. The study shall also contain an evaluation of the national public
22 awareness campaigns conducted by the DOH, as well as recommendations on measures that
23 could be undertaken to strengthen osteoporosis education and prevention programs. A report of
24 this study shall be submitted to Congress not later than one year after the date of the enactment
25 of this Act.

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27 SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision or part thereof, is held invalid or
28 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
29 valid and subsisting accordingly.

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2 SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
3 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent
4 with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended

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

Approved,