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**HOUSE BILL NO. 44**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Based on the National Statistics Coordination Board data of July 2011, the total population of senior citizens in the Philippines was approximately 6.4 million. Further, the NSCB projects that by 2040, approximately 19.6 million out of 141.7 million Filipinos will be senior citizens. Statistics also show that the share of seniors to the total population has been steadily increasing over time, from 5.3 percent in 1980 to 6.0 percent in 2000, to 6.9 percent in 2011 to 13.8 percent projected in 2040. These numbers underscore the significance of implementing programs and projects for senior citizens, especially with the positive growth trend that the NSCB projects relative to the population of senior citizens in the Philippines.

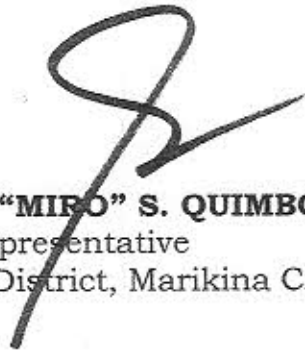
Senior citizens have continuously contributed to nation-building, even in their old age. This is evidenced by their willingness to impart knowledge and wisdom to the present generation; that they may be able to help us learn valuable lessons relative to our society's development.

It is the duty of the government to improve the welfare of its people, especially those sectors that need it the most. Senior citizens are among the sectors most vulnerable to health risks. This vulnerability is further intensified by their decreased capacity to earn sufficient income to support their everyday needs, including health care related expenses. As such, it is therefore important that the government takes the necessary steps in order to ensure that senior citizens are given the proper attention and consideration that they deserve.

This bill seeks to authorize the allocation of ten percent (10%) of the total internal revenue allotment for barangays for the implementation of plans, programs, projects, activities and services for senior citizens. Hopefully, with the expedient approval of this bill, the

State will have a more proactive stance in improving the welfare of our senior citizens.

In view thereof, the expedient approval of this bill is strongly recommended.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Quimbo', written over the printed name and title.

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**Introduced by HONORABLE ROMERO "MIRO" S. QUIMBO**

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**AN ACT**

**INSTITUTIONALIZING A TEN PERCENT BUDGETARY ALLOCATION OF BARANGAYS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES, AND SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended with the insertion of a new proviso, as follows:

"Section 285. Allocation to Local Government Units - The share of local government units in the internal revenue allotment shall be allocated in the following manner:

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PROVIDED, THAT TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE TOTAL INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT ALLOCATED TO BARANGAYS SHALL BE USED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANS, PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES, AND SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.

**SECTION 2.** The Department of Interior and Local Government shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

**SECTION 3.** Separability Clause. - If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

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2 **SECTION 4.** Repealing Clause -- All laws, issuances or any part thereof  
3 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.  
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5 **SECTION 5.** Effectivity -- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following  
6 its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general  
7 circulation.

Approved,