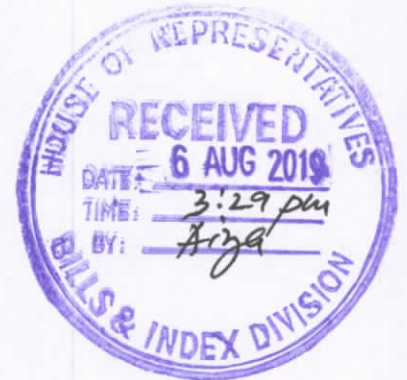


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Introduced by Rep. Diego "Nonoy" C. Ty

EXPLANATORY NOTE

We have gone a long way in our development as a nation. Though much is still to be aspired for, it cannot be denied that we are now in better state, thanks to our elderlies who have poured efforts in their younger years to nation building. For this reason, it is only right and fitting that we give back to them in their advance years, especially that this stage of their life is also one of the most challenging.

At present, Filipinos over the age of 60 account to 7% or 9.01 million of our total population. This figure is set to triple in 2045 based on the population growth projection of the Philippine Statistics Authority. While this can be considered as a great feat for our senior citizens, aging also comes with it a lot of challenges. For one, senior citizens may find it hard to get livelihoods that could support their living expenses. With old age, they could also face health-related problems that could cost them a lot. Without the means to defray the costs that comes with their advance age, our senior citizens are forced to rely on family members who may also be struggling to make ends meet. A 2016 study by the University of the Philippines Population Institute, shows that over half of our country's senior citizens live in households that have difficulty in meeting expenses while another 40% say that their households have just enough to pay for their daily needs.

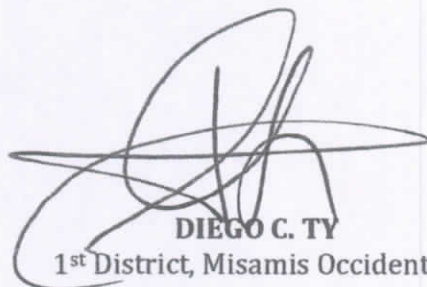
Given this, having pension is truly an indispensable means to lessen the burdens that our elderlies carry. And this was then addressed through the passage of Republic Act No. 9994, otherwise known as the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010 that provides for social pension amounting to P500 every month. However, as time progresses, this amount has become insufficient given the economic adjustments that has also impacted the cost of living in our country. Relative to this, the social pension allotted for the welfare

of our senior citizens should also be adjusted in terms of amount and coverage in order to become more inclusive and responsive to their needs.

If passed into law, this bill would increase the social pension of our senior citizens from the present P500 to P1, 500. Also under this proposal, all senior citizens who are receiving a monthly pension of P3, 500 and below will be qualified to receive the aforementioned stipend in amendment to the former provision that only grants such to indigent senior citizens.

Our veneration to those who have come ahead of us and whom our generation owes a lot, should not only mean showing to them our respect and appreciation. It also means taking concrete measures that would ensure that they live off their later years with security and dignity.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
INCREASING THE MONTHLY SOCIAL PENSION OF SENIOR CITIZENS AND
EXPANDING THE COVERAGE THEREOF, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 2
AND 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010"

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended by Republic
2 Act No. 9257, further amended by Republic Act No. 9994, otherwise known as the
3 "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010", is hereby further amended to read as
4 follows:

5 "Sec. 2. Definition of Terms. - For purposes of this Act, these terms are defined
6 as follows:

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8 ~~["(h) Indigent senior citizen refers to any elderly who is frail, sickly, or with 8~~
9 ~~disability, and without pension or permanent source of income, compensation~~
10 ~~or financial assistance from his/her relatives to support his or her basic~~
11 ~~needs, as determined by the Department of Social Welfare and Development~~
12 ~~(DSWD) in consultation with the National Coordinating and Monitoring~~
13 ~~Board."}]~~

1 **“(h) SOCIAL PENSION REFERS TO THE MONTHLY STIPEND OR**
2 **MONETARY GRANT FROM THE GOVERNMENT TO AUGMENT THE DAILY**
3 **SUBSISTENCE AND OTHER MEDICAL NEEDS OF SENIOR CITIZENS WHICH**
4 **SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (PHP**
5 **1,500.00) PER MONTH.”**

6 **SECTION 2.** Section 5 of the same Act, as amended, is hereby further
7 amended to read as follows:

8 **“Sec. 5. Government Assistance.** - The government shall provide the following:

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10 **“(h) Additional Government Assistance**

11 **“(1) Social Pension**

12 **“~~[Indigent]~~ ALL senior citizens WHO ARE NOT RECEIVING PENSION OR**
13 **WHO ARE RECEIVING PENSION IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE**
14 **THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (PHP 3,500.00) AND BELOW FROM**
15 **THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS), SOCIAL**
16 **SECURITY SYSTEM (SSS), AND PENSION AND GRATUITY**
17 **MANAGEMENT CENTER (PGMC) shall be entitled to a monthly stipend OF**
18 **AT LEAST ~~[amounting to Five hundred pesos (Php 500)]~~ ONE THOUSAND**
19 **FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (PHP 1,500.00) to augment the daily subsistence**
20 **and other medical needs of senior citizens, WHICH AMOUNT SHALL BE**
21 **~~[subject to a review]~~ REVIEWED every two (2) years by Congress, in**
22 **consultation with the ~~[DSWD]~~ NATIONAL COMMISSION OF SENIOR**
23 **CITIZENS OR ANY AGENCY THAT SHALL BE SO DESIGNATED BY AN**
24 **ACT OF CONGRESS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NATIONAL**
25 **INFLATION RATE AND OTHER RELEVANT ECONOMIC INDICATORS.**

26 **A SENIOR CITIZEN WHO DO NOT NEED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL**
27 **ASSISTANCE TO AUGMENT THEIR DAILY SUBSISTENCE AND MEDICAL**
28 **NEEDS MAY OPT NOT TO CLAIM THE MONTHLY STIPEND. UNCLAIMED**
29 **SOCIAL PENSION FUNDS SHALL REVERT BACK TO THE NATIONAL**
30 **TREASURY AND FORM PART OF THE GOVERNMENT’S GENERAL FUND.**

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32 **SECTION 3. Separability Clause.** - If any provision of this Act is declared invalid
33 or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected shall continue to be in full
34 force and effect.

1 **SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, executive orders or rules and
2 regulations contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified
3 accordingly.

4 **SECTION 5. *Effectivity Clause.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from
5 its publication in Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

6 Approved,