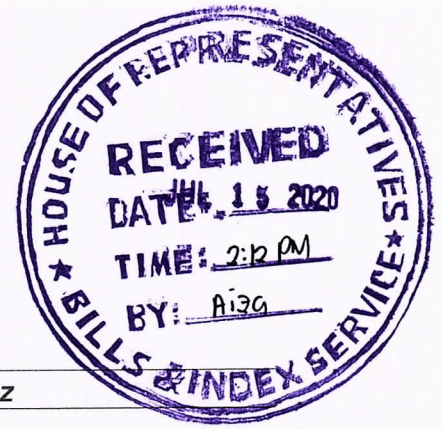


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez

House Reso No. 1047

A RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT TO RELEASE THE MONTHLY SOCIAL PENSION OF SENIOR CITIZENS EVERY THREE MONTHS INSTEAD OF THE CURRENT SCHEDULE OF EVERY SIX MONTHS

WHEREAS, data from the Philippine Statistics Authority show that around 7.4% of the total population of the Philippines or around 7.5 million Filipinos are senior citizens;

WHEREAS, the government has been striving to promote the welfare of our senior citizens thru programs, policies and laws aimed at helping them;

WHEREAS, last January 31, 2019, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) issued Memorandum Circular No.4 Series of 2019 (MC 4-2019), or the Omnibus Guidelines in the Implementation of the Social Pension for Indigent Senior Citizens;

WHEREAS, under MC 4-2019, the DSWD laid down the guidelines in the implementation of the social pension program for indigent senior citizens of the DSWD;

WHEREAS, under MC 4-2019, it is provided that "the release of the monthly social pension at Five Hundred Pesos (PhP500.00) per beneficiary will be done every six (6) months or Three Thousand Pesos (PhP3,000.00) per semester.";

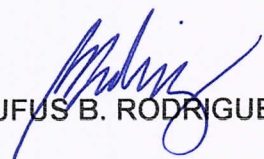
WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic affected and disrupted the lives of all Filipinos during the first half of 2020 with the end to this pandemic still nowhere in sight as the number of cases still continue to increase;

WHEREAS, as a result of lockdowns and quarantines in many parts of the country, many businesses struggled resulting in loss of jobs for many Filipinos including senior citizens who are still productive members of society;

WHEREAS, now, more than ever, these indigent senior citizens need financial assistance and waiting every six months to receive assistance is too long;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives to urge Department of Social Welfare and Development to release the monthly social pension of senior citizens every three months instead of the current schedule of every six months

Adopted,


RUFUS B. RODRIGUEZ