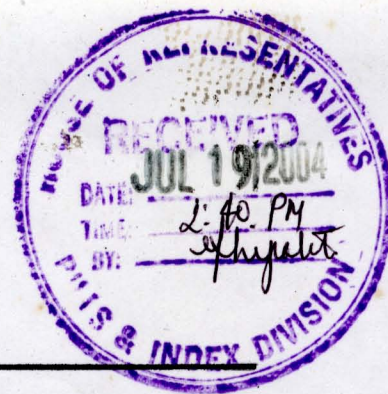


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H. Bill No. **1489**



Introduced by Congressman Abayon

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 7432, entitled "An Act to Maximize the Contribution of Senior Citizens to Nation Building, Grant Benefits and special Privileges and for Other Purposes", declares as among its objectives, the motivation and encouragement of senior citizens to contribute to nation building, and the encouragement of their families and the communities where they live to reaffirm the valued Filipino tradition of caring for their senior citizens.

Thousands of our country's senior citizens, after serving distinguished, responsible and high positions in government and private industry are still in the prime of life can be tapped for their wealth of experience in all kinds of productive endeavor especially those relating to policy-making and advisory functions.

The National Statistics Coordination Board (NSCB) has projected a 30% average increase per annum from 1995 levels in the over-60 population of the Philippines by the year 2020. Of the 60.7 million Filipinos in 1990, approximately 3.2 million were 60 years and above of which 1.7 million were women and 1.5 million were men. NEDA further estimates that the over-60 population would rise to about 5.3 million by the year 2020 and as much as 14.5 million by year 2030.

In order to give life to the provisions of R.A. 7432 this bill is proposed mandating the appointment of a sectoral representative for the elderly in every Sangguniang Barangay, Sangguniang Bayan, Sangguniang Panglungsod and Sangguniasng Panglalawigan throughout the country, who shall be Chapter President of the Federation of Senior Citizens Association of the Philippines, Inc., in the locality.

The approval of this measure will strengthen the thrust of the policies and objectives of Republic Act No. 7432 and harness the talents, wisdom and experience of the country's qualified senior citizens toward the realization of our country's dream of NICHood to meet the coming century.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this measure is strongly urged.


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MANDATING THE APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ELDERLY IN EVERY SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY, SANGGUNIANG BAYAN, SANGGUNIANG PANGLUNSOD AND SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN.

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

SECTION 1. There shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Local Government in every Sangguniang Barangay, Sangguniang Bayan, Sangguniang Panglunsod and Sangguniang Panglalarawan, throughout the country, a representative for the elderly who shall be the chapter president in the locality of the Federation of Senior Citizens Organization of the Philippines, Inc. who shall be entitled to all privileges and emoluments enjoyed by members of the Sanggunian, and shall hold office for a term of five (5) years unless sooner removed from office by death or incapacity to discharge the function of his office. His successor shall hold office for the duration of the unexpired term.

Sec. 2. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or portions thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. If any provision of this Act is declared invalid, other parts or provisions thereof not affected thereby shall remain and continue to be in full force and effect

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved, .

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