

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

15th Congress
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House Bill. No. 2105

Introduced by Congressman Malapitan

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The attached bill seeks to strengthen the thrust of the policies and objectives of R.A.No. 7432, as amended, and harness the talents, wisdom and experience of the country's qualified senior citizens toward the realization of our country's dream of industrialization.

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", provides 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 Coordinating Board (NSCB) has projected a 30% average increase per annum from 1995 levels in the over-60 population of the Philippines for the year 2020. Of the 60.7 million Filipinos in 1990, approximately 3.2 million were 60 years old 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 2002 and as much as 14.5 million by year 2030.

In order to give life to the provisions of R.A.No. 7432, the bill mandates the appointment of a sectoral representative for the elderly in every Sangguniang Barangay, Sangguniang Bayan, Sangguniang Panlungsod and Sangguniang Panlalawigan throughout the country, who shall be the President of the Barangay Senior Citizens Association for the Sangguniang Barangay, Chapter President of the Federation of Senior Citizens Association of the municipality, city or province, for the Sangguniang Bayan, Sangguniang Panlungsod and Sangguniang Panlalawigan, respectively..

In the light of the foregoing, approval of the bill is strongly requested.


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AN ACT

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A SECTORAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN EVERY SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY, SANGGUNIANG BAYAN, SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD 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 Interior and Local Government in every Sangguniang Barangay, Sangguniang Bayan, Sangguniang Panlungsod, and Sangguniang Panlalawigan, throughout the country, a sectoral representative for senior citizens who shall be the President of the Barangay Senior Citizens Association for the Sangguniang Barangay, the Chapter President of the Municipal Senior Citizens, the City Senior Citizens Association, the Provincial Senior Citizens Association for the Sangguniang Bayan, Sangguniang Panlungsod and Sangguniang Panlalawigan, respectively. They shall be entitled to all privileges and emoluments enjoyed by members of the Sanggunians, and shall hold office for a term of three (3) years, unless sooner removed from office by death or incapacity to discharge the functions of their office: **Provided**, That their successors shall hold office for the duration of the unexpired term.

SEC. 2. Any provision of laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,