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HOUSE BILL NO. 1781



Introduced by HON. MA. VICTORIA R. SY-ALVARADO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Expanded Senior Citizen Act of 2010 granted better privileges for our Senior Citizens including more discounts on more products. Based on government data, the number of senior citizens in proportion to our country's population, has been steadily growing. Furthermore, majority of our senior citizens are living below the poverty line and has limited means of employment. They are also big utilizers of health services, primarily because of their age and frail health. There is therefore the need to give our senior citizens better protection other than what is currently provided in our present laws, especially on health services considering their limited means of supporting themselves.

This bill provides free hospitalization including confinement for indigent senior citizens in all government hospitals. There is a need to provide this kind of social benefit to our senior citizens, whose ranks are growing worldwide, according to latest data.

It is in line with the objectives of the Expanded Senior Citizen Act of 2010 that the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 4 (e) OF REPUBLIC ACT 7432,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SENIOR CITIZEN ACT OF 1992,
AS AMENDED, GRANTING FREE HOSPITALIZATION TO INDIGENT
SENIOR CITIZENS IN ANY GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL

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

SECTION 1. – Section Four, Subsection (e) of the Republic Act 7432, otherwise known as the Senior Citizen Act of 1992 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 4 – Privileges for the Senior Citizens. – The senior citizens shall be entitled the following:

“xxx

*(e) Free medical and dental services in government [establishment] **HOSPITAL** Anywhere in the country and **FREE HOSPITAL AND CONFINEMENT FOR INDIGENT PATIENTS**, subject to guidelines to be issued by the Department of Health, the Government Service Insurance System and the Social Security System.”*

SEC. 2 – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.

