

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. **2314**



Introduced by Honorable Francisco A. Calalay, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to require every barangay to allocate five percent (5%) of its general fund for programs, projects and activities for senior citizens.

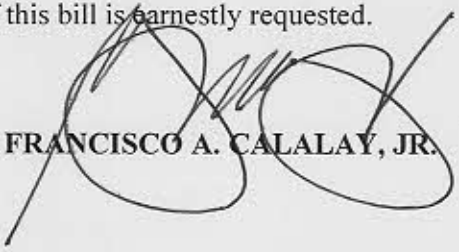
Senior Citizens have contributed much to the country and have spent the best and most productive years of their lives in the service of our nation. They belong to a special sector that needs our attention to promote the social, economic and spiritual aspects of their lives and to allow them to convey their ideals and aspirations. In recognition of their wisdom and value, the country fully counts the elderly as an active part of its human resources and their welfare is an emergent concern of the national government.

Senior citizens need to be provided with available means to participate and contribute in nation building with a goal for prosperity, peace and development.

The barangay as a component unit of local government is a vital instrument in the implementation of projects, programs and activities for senior citizens. Having closer access to their constituents, the barangays know the needs of the elderly sector better.

This bill aims to require every barangay to allocate 5% of its general fund for programs, projects and activities for senior citizens. This will ensure that the programs and projects for senior citizens are implemented with greater efficiency. The sector comprising the elderly deserves to be given all the assistance they need to be active members of the community during the remaining years of their lives.

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


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AN ACT
MANDATING EVERY BARANGAYS TO ALLOCATE FIVE PERCENT (5%)
OF ITS GENERAL FUND FOR PROGRAMS PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES
FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CODE OF 1991

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

SECTION 1. Section 329, Article Two of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Article Two – Barangay Budgets

Sec. 329, Barangay Funds. – Unless otherwise provided in this Title, all the income of the barangay from whatever source shall accrue to its general fund and shall, at the option of the barangay concerned, be kept as trust fund in the custody of the city or municipal treasurer or be deposited in a bank, preferably government-owned, situated in or nearest to its area of jurisdiction. Such funds shall be disbursed in accordance with the provisions of this Title.

Ten percent (10%) of the general fund of the barangay shall be set aside for the sangguniang kabataan (.), **AND FIVE PERCENT (5%) FOR THE PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS."**

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Interior and Local Government shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the official Gazette.

Approved,