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HOUSE BILL No. 7227



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE EMI CALIXTO-RUBIANO

Explanatory Note

Senior Citizens are considered one of the treasures of our country. Their contributions in their families and the country are the reasons why they have a strong foundation and still standing firm. Due to their works and sacrifices, the State is mandated to protect and provide the needs of every Senior Citizen in our country by enacting laws and programs for them.

According to Article XIII Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution states that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, disabled, women, and children including the elderly. Further stated in our constitution specifically Article XV Section 4 states that the family has the responsibility to take care of its elderly members but the State may also take care of the Senior Citizens through implementing programs of social security.

There are measures that were already enacted to help Senior Citizens i.e. Republic Act No. 9994 or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010 that gives incentives to Senior Citizens. One of its provisions is to give a monthly pension to Indigent Senior Citizens but it does not cover Senior Citizens who secure a monthly pension but still not enough to cover their medical needs.

This bill aims to expand the coverage of Social Pensions given by the government to Senior Citizens in the Philippines subject to annual review of Congress.

Thus, The passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT EXPANDING THE SOCIAL PENSION OF SENIOR CITIZENS, AMENDING
FURTHER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010"**

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

SECTION 1. Number (1), Paragraph (h), Section 5 of Republic Act No. 7432 as amended by Republic Act No. 9994, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 5: *Government Assistance*. – The government shall provide the following:

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(h) Additional Government Assistance

(1) Social Pension

"[Indigent] Senior Citizens WHO DOES NOT HAVE ANY PENSION FROM THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS), SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (SSS), AND OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOCIAL PROTECTION AND INSURANCE SYSTEM AND THOSE WHO RECEIVE A MONTHLY PENSION AMOUNTING TO THREE THOUSAND PESOS (P3,000.00) AND BELOW shall be entitled to a monthly stipend amounting to Five hundred pesos (Php500.00) to augment the daily subsistence and other medical needs of senior citizens, subject to a review every **[two-(2)]** year[s] by Congress, in consultation with the DSWD.

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SECTION 2. *Repealing Clause*. – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby

repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is subsequently declared unconstitutional, the validity of the remaining provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any two (2) newspaper of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved.