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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 8335



Introduced by Representative **John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto**

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

As a manifestation of support to this timely piece of legislation, this representation respectfully refiles this bill, which has constantly been receiving support from the past and present (Rep. Batocabe, Rep. Garbin, and Rep. Co's HB 5038) Congress.

It is well-known that senior citizens belong to a vulnerable sector. Their old age bring about numerous obstacles such as the lack of income security. It is the duty of the state to affirm the importance of providing special protection to the senior citizen sector for they are recognized in Article 13. Sec. 11 of the 1987 Constitution:

"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, elderly, disabled, women, and children."

Senior citizens have contributed immeasurably to the nation throughout their lives. This bill seeks to amend the social pension provision of RA 9994 otherwise known as the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010". If this measure is enacted into law, all senior citizens will be provided with a pension amounting to One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php 1,500.00). This will definitely alleviate the current conditions of the senior citizens and provide them with the much needed aid in terms of income security.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

**PROVIDING FOR A UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PENSION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS,
FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE R.A. NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY R.A.
NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF
2010"**

Be it enacted by the 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, otherwise known as the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010" is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 5. Government Assistance. - The government shall provide the following:

"(5) Additional Government Assistance

"(1) Social Pension

"[Indigent] ALL senior citizens shall be entitled to a monthly stipend amounting to [~~Five hundred pesos (Php500.00)~~] **AT LEAST ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (PHP1,500.00)** to augment [the] **THEIR** daily subsistence and other medical needs. [~~of senior citizens, subject to a review every two (2) years by Congress, in consultation with the DSWD.~~]

PROVIDED, THAT SENIOR CITIZENS CURRENTLY COVERED BY THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM, AND THE PENSION SYSTEM FOR MILITARY VETERANS UNDER R.A. NO. 6948 SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS BENEFIT IN THE FIRST THREE (3) YEARS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT.

WHEN NECESSARY, THE DSWD MAY INCREASE OR REVISE THE AMOUNT OF THE SOCIAL PENSION: PROVIDED, THAT THE SOCIAL PENSION SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPHS."

Sec. 2. Separability Clause.- If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Sec. 3. Repealing Clause.- All laws, decrees, executive orders or rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 4. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved.