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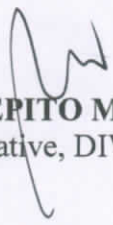
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Section 9, Article II of the Philippine Constitution states that, "The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all".

Senior citizens and persons with disability (PWDs) are marginalized sectors of our society. They have lower income levels compared to other sectors. Current labor standards on wages, which are already below the acceptable "living" wage, further places senior citizens and PWDs at a disadvantage decreasing their chances of having a decent life.

As a means of empowering PWDs and senior citizens, this bill, which is a re-filing of House Bill No. 6250 filed by Rep. Alfredo D. Vargas, III during the 16th Congress, mandates local government units to allocate 1% of their internal revenue allotment for the improvement of the quality of life of members from these vulnerable sectors. By doing so, the promotion of a prosperous and happy life becomes more accessible to PWDs and senior citizens.


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AN ACT MANDATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ALLOCATE ONE PERCENT (1%) OF THEIR INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT (IRA) FOR PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND ONE PERCENT (1%) OF THEIR IRA FOR PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. - The State recognizes the roles of senior citizens and persons with disabilities (PWD) in nation-building and community development. Thus, it is hereby declared the policy of the State to provide senior citizens and PWDs with programs, projects and activities that will effectively address their needs.

SECTION 2. Definition of Terms. - For purposes of this Act, these terms are defined as follows:

- (a) "Senior citizens" or "elderly" refers to any resident of the Philippines who are at least sixty (60) years old.
- (b) "PWDs" refers to those suffering from restriction or different abilities, as a result of a mental, physical or sensory impairment, to perform an activity in the manner or within the range considered for a normal human being.

SECTION 3. Funding. - All local government units (LGUs) are hereby mandated to allocate one percent (1%) of their Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) for programs, projects and activities that will benefit senior citizens.

Likewise, all LGUs are directed to appropriate one percent (1%) of their IRA for programs, projects and activities for PWDs.

SECTION 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government, in coordination with the Secretary of Social Welfare and Development, shall issue such rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,