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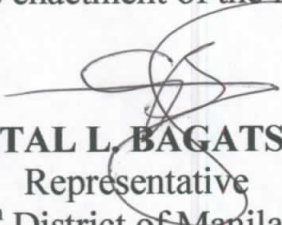
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RA 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS EXPANDED SENIOR
CITIZENS ACT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend Republic Act No. 7432 as amended, otherwise known as the Expanded Senior Citizens Act by changing some provisions (RA 7432 as amended), that could be realized such as the social pension and the electric and water consumption of the senior citizens.

The provision covering the social pension under RA 9994, provides only for indigent senior citizens, however, more than majority of our senior citizens after their retirement depend on their children. On the other hand, this bill also seeks to amend the threshold for electric bills from 100 KWH to 150 KWH and for water consumption from the first 30 cubic meter of water consumed to 50 cubic meter consumed.

It is respectfully requested for the immediate enactment of the law.


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

SECTION 1. Sec. 4c of RA 9994 is hereby amended b to read as follows:

“Sec. 4 Privileges for the Senior Citizens

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(c) the grant of a minimum of five percent (5%) discount [relative to the monthly utilization of water and electricity supplied by the public utilities: Provided, That the individual meters for the foregoing utilities are registered in the name of the senior citizen residing therein: Provided, further, That the monthly consumption does not exceed one hundred kilowatt hours (100 KWH) of electricity and thirty cubic meters (30 cubic meters) of water] ON THE FIRST 150 KWH FOR ELECTRIC CONSUMPTION AND FIRST 50 CUBIC METER FOR WATER CONSUMPTION ON THEIR MONTHLY UTILIZATION SUPPLIED BY PUBLIC UTILITIES, AND EXEMPTION FROM VAT. PROVIDED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL METERS FOR THE FOREGOING UTILITIES ARE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SENIOR CITIZEN RESIDING THEREIN; AND

Provided furthermore, That the privilege is granted per household regardless of the number of senior citizens residing therein.'

Sect. 2. Number (1), Paragraph (H), Section 5 of the 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:

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

(h) Additional Government Assistance

(i) Social Pension

[Indigent Senior] "**ALL SENIOR** citizens shall be entitled to a monthly stipend amounting to a **MINIMUM OF** Five hundred pesos (Php500.00) to augment the daily subsistence and other medical needs of senior citizens, subject to a review every two (2) years by Congress, in consultation with the DSWD."

Sect. 3. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Sect. 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders or rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sect. 5. *Effectivity Clause.* *This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.*

Approved.