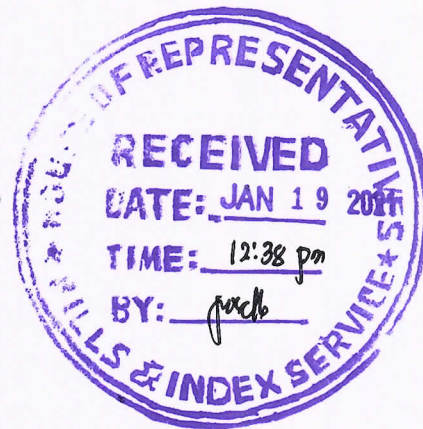


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House Bill No. 8424



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**AN ACT MANDATING ALL NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS, OFFICE AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AND BARANGAYS TO SET ASIDE AT LEAST ONE PERCENT (1%) OF THEIR TOTAL BUDGET FOR PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND ACTIVITIES EXCLUSIVE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Today, senior citizens are estimated to comprise around 9% or almost ten million of the Philippines' total population. This number is projected to further rise to 16.5% of the total population by 2050.<sup>1</sup> However, while our senior citizens comprise a significant part of the population and are rapidly growing to be a dominant demographic in the Philippines, some sectors of our senior citizens languish from lack of access to projects, programs, and activities that are indispensable to their welfare due to non-appropriation of funds to these critical projects, programs, and activities.

This runs contrary to the mandate of the Constitution that the needs of the elderly should be prioritized<sup>2</sup> and that the State must do the same through just programs of social security.<sup>3</sup> Thus, for our nation to bridge the gap in needed funding for critical projects, programs, and activities for our almost ten million senior citizens, it is imperative that all national government

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations – Department of Economic and Social Affairs, World Population Prospects 2019, 17 June 2019.

<sup>2</sup> Article XIII, Sec. 11 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution

<sup>3</sup> Article XV, Sec. 4 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution

agencies, executive departments, bureaus, office agencies, local government units, and barangays shall automatically appropriate at least one percent (1%) of their total budget for programs, projects, and activities exclusive for senior citizens.

In view of this, the passage of the bill is sought.



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

SECTION 1. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9994 is hereby amended, to read as follows:

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

(h) Additional Government Assistance

(4) Government Budget Allocation for Senior Citizens

All National Government Agencies, Executive Departments, Bureaus, Office Agencies, Local Government Units, State Universities and Colleges, and Barangays shall set aside at least one percent (1%) of their total budget for programs, projects, and activities exclusive for senior citizens.

SECTION 2. Separability Clause. – If for any reason, any section, clause, or term of this Act is held to be illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional, such parts not affected by such declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Repealing Clause. – All laws, presidential decrees, or issuance, executive orders, letters of instruction, rules, or regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. Effectivity Clause. – 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, whichever comes first.

*Approved.*