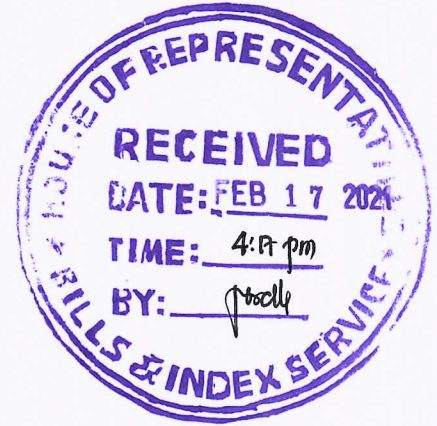


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The rationale for the creation of the National Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC) is to integrate into one cohesive body all functions, programs and activities for senior citizens being undertaken by Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Local Government Units (LGU), and other government agencies and stakeholders.

The Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) is created by law and its head is appointed by the local government unit and is functioning as one of the departments of the City or Municipal Mayor.

Senior citizens referred to OSCA as their liaison center for implementation of their plans, programs, and other benefits and services. However, without integrating OSCA offices' functions, plans and programs into the National Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC), the reason for the existence and objectives of the latter would be put to naught.

Furthermore, City or Municipal Mayors oftentimes using their respective OSCA to advance their own political interests rather than the interest and welfare of their senior citizens.

Under these circumstances, this bill urgently needs approval to carry out the objectives of the NCSC, the OSCA, and in order that the interest and welfare of our ten million senior citizens be protected and advanced.

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


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE HEAD OF OFFICE OF THE
SENIOR CITIZENS AFFAIR BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSION OF SENIOR
CITIZENS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 6, REPUBLIC ACT NO.
9994, AS AMENDED, 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. Section 6 of the same Republic Act No. 9994, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 6. The Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA). – There shall be established in all cities and municipalities an OSCA to be headed by a senior citizen who shall be appointed by the **National Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC) for a term of four (4) years without prejudice from being reappointed or extended by the NCSC.** Said appointee shall be chosen from a list of three (3) nominees as recommended by a general assembly of senior citizens organizations in the city or municipality.

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The head of OSCA shall be under the general supervision of the Provincial or Regional Director of the NCSC.

The **NCSC** shall still exercise administrative supervision over the OSCA relative to their plans, activities, and programs for senior citizens.

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Section 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the NCSC, in consultation with DSWD, DILG, League of Cities and Municipalities, and other stakeholders, shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Section 4. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

Section 5. *Repealing Clause.* – Section 6 of Republic Act 9994, as amended is hereby repealed. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.