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EXPLANATORY NOTE

One of the objectives of the Expanded Senior Citizens Act is to give full support to the improvement of the total well-being of the elderly and their full participation in the society considering that senior citizens are an integral part of the Philippine society. In furtherance of this objective, the State adopts measures whereby our senior citizens are assisted and appreciated by the community as a whole.

Safety nets are therefore provided by the government in favor of senior citizens. Social safety nets are designed to cushion the effects of economic shocks, disasters, and calamities that affect senior citizens. This is intended to raise the standard of living of senior citizens and help improve their quality of life considering that senior citizens have limited financial capacity as a result of declining health and retirement from their respective employments.

As such, this Bill seeks to further amend Republic Act No. 7432 particularly Section 5, sub-paragraph h (3) by providing food subsidy every quarter to senior citizens in the form of one (1) sack of rice in order to further support our senior citizens.

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

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2 **“AN ACT PROVIDING FOOD SUBSIDY EVERY QUARTER TO SENIOR**
3 **CITIZENS IN THE FORM OF ONE (1) SACK OF RICE AMENDING FOR**
4 **THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC**
5 **ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED SENIOR**
6 **CITIZENS ACT OF 2010”**
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8 *Be it enacted in the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Republic of the*
9 *Philippines in Congress assembled:*

10 **SECTION 1.** Section 5, sub-paragraph h (3) of Republic Act No.
11 7432, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

12 “Section 5. Government Assistance. – The
13 government shall provide following:

14 “xxx

15 “(h) Additional Government Assistance

16 “(1) xxx

17 “(2) xxx

18 “(3) Social Safety Nets

1 EACH SENIOR CITIZEN AS SET FORTH IN
2 THIS ACT SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE
3 ONE (1) SACK OF RICE EVERY QUARTER IN
4 ORDER TO ASSIST THEM WITH THEIR
5 LIMITED FINANCIAL CAPACITY. GUIDELINES
6 FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS AND
7 DISTRIBUTION SHALL BE ISSUED BY THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND
9 DEVELOPMENT (DSWD).

10 Social safety assistance intended to cushion the
11 effects of economics shocks, disasters and
12 calamities shall be available for senior citizens.
13 The social safety assistance which shall include,
14 but not limited to, food, medicines, and financial
15 assistance for domicile repair, shall be sourced
16 from the disaster/calamity funds of LGUs where
17 the senior citizens reside, subject to the
18 guidelines to be issued by the DSWD.

19 xxx”

20 **SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.*** – All acts, executive orders,
21 memorandum circulars/guidelines and other issuances or parts thereof,
22 which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified
23 accordingly.

24 **SECTION 4. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
25 days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers
26 of general circulation

27 **APPROVED.**