



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

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House Bill No. 6787

Introduced by: **REPRESENTATIVE EDWIN L. OLIVAREZ**

**"AN ACT PROVIDING FOOD SUBSIDY EVERY QUARTER TO SENIOR
CITIZENS IN THE FORM OF ONE (1) SACK OF RICE AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED SENIOR
CITIZENS ACT OF 2010"**

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

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

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

“xxx

“(h) Additional Government Assistance

“(1) xxx

“(2) xxx

“(3) Social Safety Nets

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

Social safety assistance intended to cushion the
effects of economics shocks, disasters and

1 calamities shall be available for senior citizens. The
2 social safety assistance which shall include, but not
3 limited to, food, medicines, and financial assistance
4 for domicile repair, shall be sourced from the
5 disaster/calamity funds of LGUs where the senior
6 citizens reside, subject to the guidelines to be issued
7 by the DSWD.

8 xxx”

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11 which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified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

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

16 **APPROVED.**