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HOUSE BILL NO. 7250



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the pension received by indigent senior citizens from a monthly stipend amounting to PHP 500.00 to not less than PHP 1,000.00 to augment their daily subsistence and other medical needs. The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) shall review and adjust the stipend amount every two (2) years, considering the present consumer price index and economic indicators. Additionally, for administrative streamlining, this bill transfers the social pension from the DSWD to the National Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC) within three (3) years from the enactment of this Act.

Hence, this representation seeks the passage of this measure.


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AN ACT

**INCREASING THE SOCIAL PENSION OF INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZENS AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432 ENTITLED, ‘AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE THE
CONTRIBUTION OF SENIOR CITIZENS TO NATION BUILDING, GRANT
BENEFITS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,’ AS
AMENDED**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended, is hereby
2 further amended to read as follows:

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4 “SEC. 2. *Definition of Terms.* – For purposes of this Act, these
5 terms are defined as follows:

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7 “(a) x x x;

8 “x x x;

9 “(h) *Indigent senior citizen* refers to any elderly who is [frail,
10 sickly, or with disability, and] without pension or permanent source
11 of income, compensation or financial assistance from his/her
12 relatives to support his/her basic needs, as determined by the
13 Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in
14 consultation with the [National Coordinating and Monitoring
15 Board] **NATIONAL COMMISSION OF SENIOR CITIZENS (NCSC).**
16 **THEREAFTER, THE DETERMINATION OF QUALIFIED**
17 **INDIGENT ELDERLY SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FULLY FROM**
18 **THE DSWD TO THE NCSC WITHIN A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING**
19 **THREE (3) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT;**
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1 **“I) PENSION PROVIDER REFERS TO ANY GOVERNMENT**
2 **OFFICE OR AGENCY, OR ANY PRIVATE ENTITY WHICH PROVIDES**
3 **PENSIONS TO ENTITLED RECIPIENTS ON THE BASIS OF**
4 **CONTRIBUTIONS, GRATUITY, OR AS MANDATED BY ANY**
5 **GOVERNING LAW OR ISSUANCE, INCLUDING THE SOCIAL**
6 **SECURITY SYSTEM (SSS), THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE**
7 **INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS), AND THE PENSION AND GRATUITY**
8 **MANAGEMENT CENTER (PGMC);**

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10 **“J) SOCIAL PENSION REFERS TO THE MONETARY GRANT**
11 **FROM THE GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT THE DAILY**
12 **SUBSISTENCE AND MEDICAL NEEDS OF SENIOR CITIZENS**
13 **WHICH SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN ONE THOUSAND PESOS**
14 **(PHP1,000.00) PER MONTH.”**

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16 **SEC. 2.** Section 5 of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended, is hereby further
17 amended to read as follows:

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19 **“SEC. 5. Government Assistance.** – The government shall provide
20 the following:

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22 **“(a) Employment**

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24 **“x x x.**

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26 “Private entities that will employ senior citizens as employees,
27 upon the effectivity of this Act, shall be entitled to an additional
28 deduction from their gross income, equivalent to fifteen percent (15%)
29 of the total amount paid as salaries and wages to senior citizens,
30 subject to the provision of Section 34 of the NIRC, as amended:
31 *Provided, however,* That such employment shall continue for a period
32 of at least six (6) months: *Provided, further,* That the annual income
33 of the senior citizen does not exceed the latest poverty threshold as
34 [determined] **PUBLISHED** by the [National Statistical Coordination
35 Board (NSCB) of the National Economic and Development Authority
36 (NEDA)] **PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA)** for that year.

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38 **“x x x**

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40 **“(h) Additional Government Assistance**

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42 **“(1) MANDATORY Social Pension**

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44 “Indigent senior citizens shall be entitled to a monthly stipend
45 amounting to [Five hundred] **NOT LESS THAN ONE THOUSAND** pesos
46 **[(Php500.00)] (Php1,000.00)** to augment the daily subsistence and
47 other medical needs of senior citizens[, subject to a review every two
48 (2) years by Congress, in consultation with the DSWD].

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50 **“THE DSWD SHALL, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE**
51 **DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT (DBM), IN**
52 **CONSULTATION WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS, REVIEW AND,**
53 **WHEN NECESSARY, ADJUST THE AMOUNT OF SOCIAL PENSION**
54 **EVERY TWO (2) YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT,**
55 **TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PRESENT CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**

AS PUBLISHED BY THE PSA AND RELEVANT ECONOMIC INDICATORS, AS REPORTED AND PUBLISHED BY PERTINENT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES.

“THE IMPLEMENTATION, DISTRIBUTION, AND MANAGEMENT OF THE SOCIAL PENSION SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE DSWD TO THE NATIONAL COMMISSION OF SENIOR CITIZENS (NCSC) WITHIN A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING THREE (3) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT.

“(2) x x

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“(3) Social Safety Nets

“Social safety assistance intended to cushion the effects of economic shocks, disasters, and calamities shall be available for senior citizens. The social safety assistance which shall include[, but not limited to,] food, medicines, and financial assistance for domicile repair, shall be sourced from the disaster/calamity funds of LGUs where the senior citizens reside, subject to the guidelines to be issued by the [DSWD] NCSC.”

SEC. 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the NCSC shall, in consultation with the DSWD, DBM and other concerned government agencies, as well as nongovernmental organizations and people’s organizations of senior citizens duly accredited by the DSWD, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. Appropriations. – The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of the DSWD. Thereafter such amount necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, and rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 7. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,