

NINETEENTH CONGRESS OF THE)
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL No. 10157



**Introduced by REPRESENTATIVES LANI MERCADO-REVILLA,
BRYAN B. REVILLA AND RAMON JOLO B. REVILLA III**

AN ACT

**EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS' ACT, AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

When loved ones begin to age, their quality of life also starts to wane. Health, emotional, economic and social issues beset them causing them to become withdrawn, stagnant and unhappy. They become more reliant on others for support in most aspects of their lives.

It is therefore imperative that measures are taken to create a good social environment that will keep them engaged, stimulated and contented. It is also paramount that positive influences, particularly family members, are present in their lives.¹ Most importantly, the government is needed to introduce interventions so that the elderly can continue living with dignity.

While numerous policies centering on promoting the welfare of senior citizens are already in place, much is still wanting for the elderly population that are still part of the working force such as those aged in the later fifties.

The elderly people in the 56-59 age group are still actively working and socializing but are also tormented by degenerative illnesses. Therefore, while they are still able, let us help them live fulfilling lives by letting them enjoy the benefits of discounted goods and services, tax exemptions and various government assistance programs. Let these elderlies enjoy socializing, travelling and dining while they are still active and have less mobility issues.

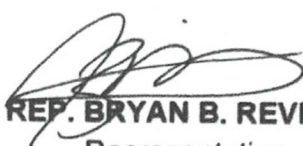
¹ <https://safeandsoundhomecare.com/in-home-caregivers/why-quality-of-life-matters-to-our-seniors/>

Let us help them live quality lives as they gradually transition to slower lifestyles by lowering the age of senior citizens from 60 to 56.

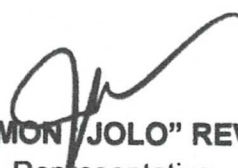
Immediate approval of this measure is earnestly requested.



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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended by Republic No. 9257, and Republic Act No. 9994, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 2. Definition of Terms. – For purposes of this Act, these terms are defined as follows:

- (a) *Senior Citizen or elderly* refers to any resident citizen of the Philippines at least [sixty (60)] FIFTY-SIX (56) years old;
- (b) ...

xxx.”

Sec. 2. *Appropriations.* – The amounts necessary to carry out the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the agencies. Thereafter, the amounts necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 3. *Separability Clause.* – If for any reason any section or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Sec. 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All other laws, rules and regulations, orders, circulars, and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

Sec. 5. *Effectivity.* – 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 in the Philippines.

Approved,