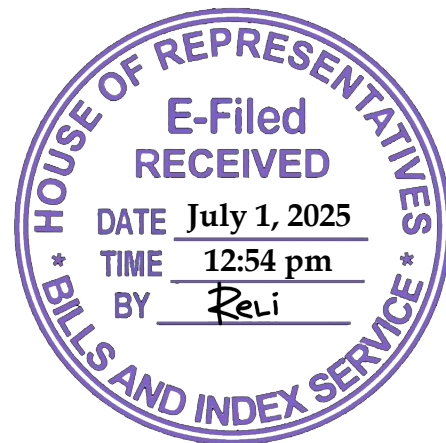




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HOUSE BILL NO. 782

Introduced by REP. RODOLFO “OMPONG” M. ORDANES

Senior citizens, having spent the most productive years of their lives in service to their families, communities, and the nation, deserve no less than the full support and protection of the government in their twilight years. Due to longer life expectancy and declining birth rates, the Filipino elderly population continues to grow and is projected to increase significantly in the coming decades.

Republic Act. No. 9994, or the “Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010,” recognizes the rights of senior citizens and mandates various forms of assistance. However, implementing programs for the elderly often suffers from underfunding and a lack of prioritization. Many government agencies and local government units (LGUs) fall short in institutionalizing consistent and adequate support for senior citizens due to the absence of a clear budgetary mandate.

This bill seeks to address this gap by mandating all national government agencies, executive departments, bureaus, office agencies, and LGUs to allocate at least three percent (3%) of their total budget exclusively for programs, projects, and activities benefiting senior citizens. These may include the establishment and maintenance of care facilities such as residential and home care support services, the development of recreational facilities and the provision of free or subsidized access to entertainment venues, support for health and wellness, including medicines, vitamins, and other forms of preventive care, and other initiatives that promote the overall well-being of the elderly population.

By embedding this allocation in their respective annual budgets, this measure ensures that the welfare of senior citizens is not treated as an afterthought but as a priority concern of all government entities. The proposed amendment to Section 5 of RA 9994

reinforces the principle of inclusive governance and reflects the country's commitment to active aging, dignity, and quality of life for all Filipino elders.

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

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AN ACT
MANDATING ALL NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, EXECUTIVE
DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS, OFFICE AGENCIES, AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT UNITS, TO SET ASIDE AT LEAST THREE PERCENT (3%) OF
THEIR TOTAL BUDGET FOR PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND ACTIVITIES
EXCLUSIVE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9994 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 "SEC. 5. *Government Assistance.* – The government shall provide the following

3 (a) x x x

4 x x x

5 (b) x x x

6 x x x

7 (h) Additional Government Assistance

8 (1) x x x

9 x x x

10 **(4) GOVERNMENT BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR SENIOR**
11 **CITIZENS.**

12 ALL NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS,
13 BUREAUS, OFFICE AGENCIES, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS SHALL
14 SET ASIDE AT LEAST THREE PERCENT (3%) OF THEIR TOTAL BUDGET FOR
15 PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND ACTIVITIES EXCLUSIVE FOR SENIOR
16 CITIZENS SUCH AS:

- 17 (A) CARE FACILITIES, BUT NOT LIMITED TO RESIDENTIAL
18 AND OTHER HOME CARE SUPPORT SERVICES;
- 19 (B) RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, BUT NOT LIMITED TO
20 PARKS AND FREE ACCESS TO THEATERS AND MOVIE
21 HOUSES;
- 22 (C) HEALTH AND WELLNESS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO
23 MEDICINES AND VITAMINS; AND
- 24 (D) SUCH OTHER PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS THAT SHALL
25 PROMOTE THE TOTAL WELL-BEING OF A SENIOR
26 CITIZEN.

27 SEC. 2. *Separability Clause.* – If any of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional,
28 the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

29 SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, memorandum circulars,
30 guidelines, and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act,
31 are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

32 SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
33 the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

34 *Approved,*