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HOUSE BILL NO. 783

Introduced by REP. RODOLFO “OMPONG” M. ORDANES

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE NATIONAL ANTI-POVERTY COMMISSION - SENIOR CITIZENS SECTORAL COUNCIL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8425, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “SOCIAL REFORM AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION ACT,” AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed bill seeks to streamline government functions regarding senior citizens by abolishing the National Anti-Poverty Commission—Senior Citizens Sectoral Council (NAPC-SCSC) and transferring its functions to the National Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC). This measure aligns with the State’s policy of upholding integrity, transparency, and accountability in public service and aims to eliminate redundancies in government operations.

The NAPC-SCSC, created under Republic Act No. 8425, addressed sector-specific issues for senior citizens in poverty alleviation. However, with the creation of the NCSC under Republic Act No. 11350, a more specialized and focused agency is now in place to oversee programs, policies, and initiatives for senior citizens. Consolidating functions under the NCSC will avoid overlapping roles, improve service efficiency, and ensure more direct and effective delivery of assistance to elderly Filipinos.

The bill also mandates that all NAPC-SCSC employees affected by this abolition receive the separation, retirement, and other benefits due to them, as stipulated under

existing laws. Furthermore, the NAPC-SCSC's unused funds will be reverted to the National Treasury, ensuring fiscal accountability and reallocating resources for other governmental needs.

This legislative action is expected to enhance the effectiveness of senior citizen programs, reduce administrative costs, and reinforce government efforts in promoting a corruption-free and streamlined public service.

Given the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

1 **SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.*** – The State shall maintain honesty and
2 integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft
3 and corruption. Thus, the State shall maintain accountability and responsibility
4 among its public officials and employees and shall take appropriate measures to
5 prevent unlawful and ineffectual acts and practices, therefore promoting efficiency
6 and transparency in the conduct of its business.

7 **SECTION 2. *Abolition of the National Anti-Poverty Commission – Senior***
8 ***Citizens Sectoral Council (NAPC-SCSC).*** – The National Anti-Poverty Commission –
9 Senior Citizens Sectoral Council (NAPC-SCSC) created under Republic Act (RA) No.
10 8425, otherwise known as the “Social Reform and Poverty Alleviation Act,” is hereby
11 abolished. The National Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC) shall undertake the

1 functions of the NAPC-SCSC in relation to policies, services and programs for and
2 affecting senior citizens.

3 For this purpose, Section 3(b) of RA 8425 shall be amended to read as follows:

4 “SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* – As used in this Act, the following terms
5 shall mean:

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7 b. “Basic sectors” - Refer to the disadvantaged sectors of
8 Philippine society, namely: farmer-peasant, artisanal fisherfolk,
9 workers in the formal sector and migrant workers, workers in the
10 informal sector, indigenous peoples and cultural communities,
11 women, differently-abled persons, ~~[senior citizens]~~, victims of
12 calamities and disasters, youth and students, children, and urban
13 poor;”

14 xxx”

15 Further, Section 6(3) of RA 8425 shall be amended to read as follows:

16 “SEC. 6. *Composition of the NAPC.*

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18 (3) Representatives from each of the following basic sectors:

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20 ~~[k. Senior citizens]~~

21 xxx”

22 **SECTION 3. *Separation and Retirement from Service.*** – Employees affected by
23 the abolition of the NAPC-SCSC shall receive separation benefits or retirement and
24 other benefits to which they are entitled to under existing laws, rules and regulations.

25 **SECTION 4. *Reversion of Funds.*** – In coordination with the concerned
26 Departments and Agencies, the NAPC-SCSC shall revert all prior years’ and current
27 year’s unutilized advances to the National Treasury.

28 **SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision or part of this Act is held
29 invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall
30 remain in full force and effect.

31 **SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, executive orders, presidential
32 decrees or issuances, letter of instruction, administrative orders, rules and regulations

1 as well as local ordinances contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act
2 are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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

6 *Approved,*