

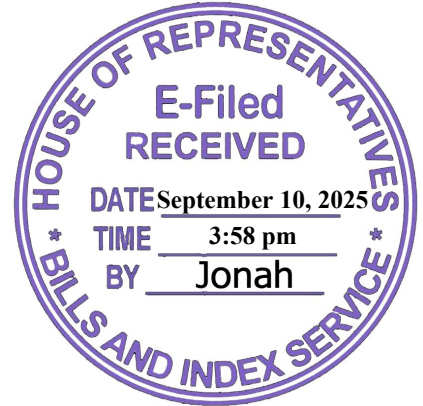


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**House of Representatives**  
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**House Bill No. 4512**



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**Introduced by Representative Jernie Jett V. Nisay**  
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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The number of senior citizens in the Philippines continues to grow, yet many remain without adequate financial support to meet their daily subsistence and medical needs. While the current social pension program provides assistance to indigent seniors, a large portion of older Filipinos who are not classified as indigent still struggle with financial insecurity, rising healthcare costs, and limited income opportunities.

This bill seeks to establish a Universal Social Pension that guarantees a non-contributory monthly stipend for all senior citizens, regardless of their economic status, while ensuring a phased and sustainable implementation.

This measure affirms the State's commitment to uphold the dignity of the elderly and provide comprehensive social protection, ensuring that no Filipino senior is left behind.

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

  
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**AN ACT**  
**GRANTING UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PENSION TO SENIOR CITIZENS, AMENDING FOR THE**  
**PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE**  
**THE CONTRIBUTION OF SENIOR CITIZENS TO NATION BUILDING, GRANT BENEFITS**  
**AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

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

**SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the "Universal Social Pension for Senior Citizens Act."

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to uphold the dignity and promote the welfare of its senior citizens, recognizing their invaluable contributions to nation-building. The State shall ensure comprehensive social protection for all senior citizens, particularly by providing a sustained and adequate non-contributory universal social pension that supports their daily subsistence and medical needs, thereby guaranteeing their well-being in their twilight years.

**SECTION 3. Amendment to Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7432.** Section 2 of R.A. No. 7432, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**SEC. 2. Definition of Terms.** - For purposes of this Act, these terms are defined as follows:

*Pension Provider* refers to any government office or agency, or any private entity which provides pensions to entitled recipients on the basis of contributions, gratuity, or as mandated by any governing law or issuance, including the Social Security System

1 (SSS), the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), and the Pension and  
2 Gratuity Management Center (PGMC), **AMONG OTHERS**; and

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4 UNIVERSAL *Social Pension* refers to A **NON-CONTRIBUTORY MONTHLY** monetary  
5 grant from the government to support the daily subsistence and medical needs of senior  
6 citizens.

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8 **SECTION 4.** *Amendment to S Section 5(h)(1) of R.A No. 7432.* Section 5(h)(1) of R.A  
9 No. 7432, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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11 **SEC. 5. Government Assistance.** - The government shall provide the following:

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17 h) Additional Government Assistance

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19 1) **UNIVERSAL** Social Pension

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21 **(A)** ALL Indigent senior citizens shall be entitled to a monthly stipend  
22 amounting to **AT LEAST** One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) to augment the daily  
23 subsistence and other medical needs.

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25 **(B)** Senior Citizens who are previously not considered as indigents shall be entitled to a  
26 monthly stipend amounting to at least Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) upon the  
27 effectivity of this Act: *Provided, that* within five (5) years all senior citizens shall be  
28 entitled to a Universal Social Pension equivalent to a monthly stipend of at least One  
29 Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) regardless of any other pension benefits they may receive  
30 from other pension providers: *Provided, further,* that any senior citizen may waive this  
31 Universal Social Pension.

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33 The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) shall, in consultation with  
34 the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), as well as other stakeholders,  
35 review and if necessary, adjust the amount of Universal Social Pension every two (2)  
36 years after the full implementation of this Act, taking into account the various needs of  
37 senior citizens and relevant economic indicators, as reported and published by pertinent

1 government agencies and authorities: Provided, that the social pension shall not be less  
2 than the amount initially specified in this act. the implementation, distribution, and  
3 management of the social pension shall be transferred from the DSWD to the National  
4 Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC) within a period not exceeding three (3) years  
5 from the effectivity of this Act.

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7 xxx.

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9 **SECTION 5. Appropriations.** - The National Government will guarantee the continuous  
10 and full implementation of the Universal Social Pension. All necessary funds, covering the initial  
11 stipends (Section 4(A) and 4(B)) and the phased increase to a universal P1,000.00 monthly  
12 stipend for all senior citizens within five years, will be mandatorily included in the annual General  
13 Appropriations Act. This funding, including any future adjustments, is a primary and continuing  
14 budgetary obligation of the National Government, disbursed by the Department of Social  
15 Welfare and Development (DSWD) and, eventually, by the National Commission of Senior  
16 Citizens (NCSC) upon full transfer of its management.

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18 **SECTION. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within ninety (90) days from the  
19 effectivity of this Act, the Chairperson of the National Commission of Senior Citizens shall  
20 formulate and adopt amendments to the existing rules and regulations implementing Republic  
21 Act No. 11916 to carry out the objectives this Act, in consultation with other relevant agencies  
22 and stakeholders.

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24 **SECTION 7. Separability Clause.** - If any provision of this Act is declared  
25 unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof not affected shall continue to be in  
26 full force and effect.

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28 **SECTION 8. Repealing Clause.** - Republic Act No. 7432, as amended by Republic Act  
29 Nos. 9257 and 9994, otherwise known as the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010", and  
30 Republic Act No. 11916 are hereby amended. All other laws, ordinances, orders, rules,  
31 regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby  
32 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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34 **SECTION 9. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication  
35 in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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37 *Approved,*