



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4649



Introduced by Representative Lordan G. Suan

AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING A FIVE PERCENT (5%) BUDGETARY
ALLOCATION FOR PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES, AND
SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS FROM THE INTERNAL
REVENUE ALLOTMENT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The alarming growth of our population has always been a concern for our leaders and policy-makers. It greatly strains our economy as a large percentage of the population is still young and unproductive. It creates tremendous pressure on the services provided by the state. Although it is dropping for the past two decades, Filipino children 15 years and below still comprise 30% of our population. That is equivalent to 33.4M children.

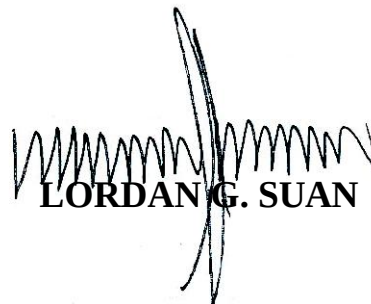
The latest survey by the Philippine Statistics Authority seems to provide a hopeful outlook. It noted that the Philippine demographic is slowly shifting. The fertility rate is declining. According to the Commission on Population and Development, the “population pyramid” is now constricting at the bottom. From 12.6% in 2000, the percentage of Filipino children below 5 years old decreased to 10.8% in 2015, and in 2020, it was down to 10.2%. It shows that we are now looking in the direction towards an ageing population. The same PSA survey shows that Filipinos 60 years and older comprise 8.5% of our population or about 9.2M senior citizens. We see a doubling elderly population from 4.5M in the year 2000. The projection is, by 2050 senior citizens will make up 16.5% of the Philippine population.

The population shift entails an increasing demand for elderly care and

support services. This is exacerbated by the fact that based on the 2021 National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction or Listahan 2 of the Department of Social Welfare and Development, about 1.2M Filipinos were identified as poor senior citizens. Of this number, 54% were regarded as household heads.

The institutionalization of the 5% allocation from the Internal Revenue Allotment of the LGUs for programs, projects, activities, and services that will benefit our senior citizens is a just legislative action in light of the population shift, the plight of our poor senior citizens and the Mandanas-Garcia Supreme Court ruling.

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



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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “Local
2 Government Budgetary Allocation for Senior Citizens Act.”

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4 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared the policy of the
5 state to promote a just and dynamic social order that ensures the freedom of the
6 people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services,
7 promote full employment, raise the standard of living and improve the quality of
8 life. It shall endeavor that essential goods, health and other social services shall
9 be available to all. In doing so, it shall give priority to the needs of the
10 underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. Further, it is
11 mandated that the state shall take care of the elderly through just programs of
12 social security.

13 Consistent with the above-mentioned mandates, this Act aims to ensure
14 that the necessary and adequate budget from the Internal Revenue Allotment of
15 the Local Government Units shall be allotted for the programs, projects,
16 activities, and services of the senior citizens.

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2 **SEC. 3. Mandate.** – All Local Government Units are hereby mandated to
3 allocate five percent (5%) of their Internal Revenue Allotment for the programs,
4 projects, activities and services beneficial to the senior citizens.
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6 **SEC. 4. Annual Report.** – The Department of Interior and Local
7 Government shall submit to Congress an annual report on the compliance and
8 accomplishment of the Local Government Units under this Act.
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10 **SEC. 5. Rules and Regulations.** – Within sixty (60) days from the
11 effectivity of this Act, the Department of Interior and Local Government in
12 coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and the National
13 Commission for Senior Citizens shall formulate the necessary rules and
14 regulations for its effective implementation.
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16 **SEC. 6. Separability Clause.** – If any provision of this Act is declared
17 invalid or unconstitutional, the provisions not hereby affected shall remain in
18 full force and effect.
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20 **SEC. 7. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and
21 regulations or parts thereof, inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of
22 this Act are repealed, amended, or modified, accordingly.
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24 **SEC. 8. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from
25 the date of its publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of
26 general circulation.
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28 Approved,