

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

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House Bill No. 6223



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE LORETO S. AMANTE

**AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A MANDATORY ONE PERCENT (1%)
BUDGETARY ALLOCATION FOR SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAMS, PROJECTS,
AND ACTIVITIES IN ALL NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND
LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution mandates the State to adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development and to make essential goods, health services, and other social services available to all at an affordable cost, giving priority to the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children.

In furtherance of this constitutional policy, Republic Act No. 7432, as amended by Republic Acts Nos. 9257 and 9994, otherwise known as the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act," and Republic Act No. 11350, which created the National Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC), were enacted to institutionalize programs and services that promote the welfare and rights of senior citizens.

However, despite these measures, the implementation of senior citizen-focused programs remain inconsistent due to limited and uneven budgetary allocations among national government agencies and local government units. The absence of a uniform funding mechanism has led to fragmented service delivery and inadequate support systems for the elderly population.

This bill seeks to address these gaps by mandating all national government agencies and local government units to allocate at least one percent (1%) of their total annual budget exclusively for programs, projects, and activities intended for senior citizens. The measure institutionalizes a dedicated budgetary share to ensure:

1. Systematic mainstreaming of senior citizens' concerns in government planning, programming, and budgeting processes;

2. Strengthened inter-agency coordination in the implementation of senior citizen-related initiatives;
3. Enhanced delivery of age-responsive services, including social protection, healthcare, livelihood, and continuing education; and
4. Alignment with the Philippine Plan of Action for Senior Citizens and the policies of the National Commission of Senior Citizens.

By mandating the allocation of at least one percent (1%) of agency and local government budgets, this proposed legislation promotes a sustainable, coordinated, and measurable approach to advancing the welfare, dignity, and participation of senior citizens in national development.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate enactment of this measure is earnestly sought.

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

SECTION 1. Amendment of Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9994

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

"SEC. 5. Government Assistance. - The government shall provide the following
(a) XXX

(h) Additional Government Assistance

(1) XXX

(4) GOVERNMENT BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

"ALL NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT UNITS SHALL ALLOCATE AT LEAST ONE PERCENT (1%)
OF THEIR TOTAL BUDGET FOR PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES
EXCLUSIVELY INTENDED FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.

THE ALLOCATED FUNDS SHALL BE UTILIZED FOR PROGRAMS AND
SERVICES THAT PROMOTE THE WELFARE, RIGHTS, AND ACTIVE
PARTICIPATION OF SENIOR CITIZENS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED
TO HEALTH AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, LIVELIHOOD AND INCOME-
GENERATING OPPORTUNITIES, SOCIAL PROTECTION, CONTINUING

EDUCATION, CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
AGE-FRIENDLY FACILITIES.”

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

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

SEC. 4. 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.

Approved,