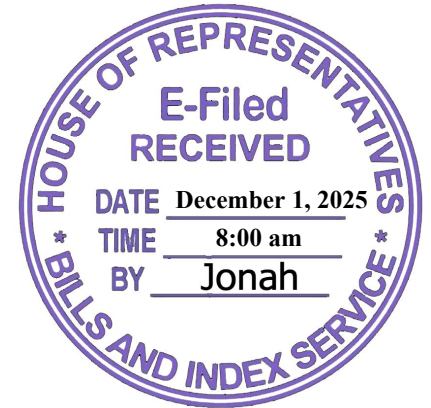


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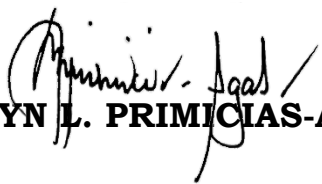
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Many elderly in the Philippines face economic insecurity, especially those who are not considered as indigent but receive no pension. Today, the Social Pension program of the Philippines, enshrined in Republic Act No. 7432, as amended by Republic Act No. 9994, only benefits indigent seniors. However, the near-poor and many low-income seniors without any pension remain uncovered.

This measure expands the social pension and guarantees a monthly stipend to all senior citizens who do not receive any pension from the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), Social Security System (SSS), or other public or private pension providers. By extending this benefit to all senior citizens, we are making sure that no elderly Filipino is left behind, regardless of their financial status. This assistance to senior citizens will go a long way in helping senior citizens manage their basic needs, such as food, transportation, and healthcare, which can often become significant burdens.

This bill ensures a broader and more inclusive approach that is responsive to the current realities of aging in the Philippines. The adjustment will help to create a more equitable and fair system that provides adequate support for all senior citizens in the Philippines. By extending the social pension to all senior citizens, we are affirming our responsibility to ensure that our elderly population is well-supported, dignified, and cared for in their later years. This legislation is a necessary step toward building a more inclusive society that values the contributions of our senior citizens and protects them from poverty and neglect.

Therefore, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING A UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PENSION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS,
FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY
RA 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “EXPANDED SENIOR
CITIZENS ACT OF 2010”

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

SECTION 1. Number (1), Paragraph (H), Section 5 of the Republic Act No. 7432, as amended by Republic Act No. 9994, otherwise known as the “Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010”, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Section 5. *Government Assistance.* – The Government shall provide the following

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(h) Additional Government Assistance

(I) Social Pension

“[Indigent senior} **ALL SENIOR** citizens shall be entitled to monthly stipend amounting to a **MINIMUM OF** Five hundred pesos (Php. 500.00) to augment the daily subsistence and other medical needs of senior citizens, subject to a review every two (2) years by Congress in

consultation with the DSWD, **PROVIDED, THAT SUCH SENIOR CITIZEN DOES NOT RECEIVE ANY PENSION FROM THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM, THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, AND OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEM”**

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SECTION 2. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders or rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any two national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,