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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The senior citizen sector, despite their significant involvement and influence in local governance, does not have an appropriate representation in the local government. Many measures have been enacted for their benefit, but this representation believes that they are more than capable of fulfilling a role that in the decision-making of the local sanggunian. Furthermore, this representation believes that their involvement will lead to a more inclusive growth of the local government.

This measure seeks to mandate the representation of the senior citizen sector in all local legislative councils, from the barangay to the province. This representation believes that their insights, experiences, and wisdom will contribute greatly in the enactment of local ordinances and the various local government initiatives. It is also the hope of this representation to provide the senior citizen sector a voice by institutionalizing their participation in the local sanggunian.

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


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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE LOCAL SANGGUNIAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED

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

SECTION 1. Senior Citizen Representative. - There shall be one (1) Senior Citizen Representative in every barangay sanggunian, municipal or city sanggunian and provincial sanggunian, thereby amending pertinent provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended.

SEC. 2. Manner of Election. - The Senior Citizen Representatives shall be elected in the manner provided below:

- a. The Senior Citizen Representative to the Sangguniang Barangay shall be elected by the duly recognized association of all senior citizens in the said barangay.
- b. The Senior Citizen Representative to the Sangguniang Bayan or Panglungsod shall be elected by the senior citizen representatives of all the sangguniang barangay in the said municipality or city.
- c. The Senior Citizen Representative to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan shall be elected by the senior citizen representatives of all the sangguniang bayan or panglungsod in the said province.

The Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) or the local social welfare and development office of the local government unit concerned shall exercise supervision over the election of the Senior Citizen Representatives within their territorial jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). — The Department of Interior and Local Government, in coordination with the local government unit leagues, shall adopt the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. Appropriations. — The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause. — All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. Effectivity Clause. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,