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Social justice is the core of the 1987 Constitution. Our fundamental law is replete with provisions which emphasize this. In fact, the Constitution exhorts Congress to prioritize measures which shall promote social justice. A

Article XII, Section 1 states: "The Congress shall give highest priority to the enactment of measures that protect and enhance the right of all the people to human dignity, reduce social, economic, and political inequalities, and remove cultural inequities by equitably diffusing wealth and political power for the common good."

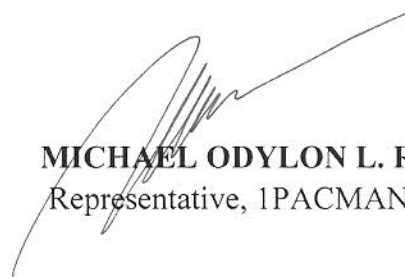
The Constitution also specifically protects the elderly. Article, Section 4 states that while the family has the duty to care for its elderly members, "the State may also do so through just programs of social security."

This measure seeks to fulfill the aforementioned Constitutional imperatives. In brief, it seeks to amend Republic Act 7432, as amended by Republic Act No. 9994 or the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010", to increase the monthly social pension for indigent senior citizens to P1,500 a month.

Approval of this measure is eagerly sought



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AN ACT

TO INCREASE THE MONTHLY SOCIAL PENSION FOR INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZENS, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZEN ACT OF 2010, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 9994, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. Section 5, paragraph h, sub-paragraph 1 of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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

“(a) x xx

“(h) *Additional Government Assistance*

“(1) Social Pension- Indigent senior citizens shall be entitled to a monthly stipend amounting to [Five hundred pesos (Php 500.00)] **ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (Php 1,500.00)** 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.”

x xx”

Section 2. Repealing Clause- All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or any parts thereof inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

Section 3. Effectivity. 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,