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Introduced by **Honorable Luis Jose Angel N. Campos, Jr.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our Constitution enshrines the policy of an improving quality of life for all. Section 9, Article II of the Constitution expressly states to wit:

The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.

Another principle enshrined in the immediate succeeding section, Section 10, Article II, provides that "The State shall promote social justice in all phases of national development".

Following the principle of *parens patriae* or "parent of the nation", the state has duty to care for its elderly as expressed in Section 4, Article XV, which states that "the family has the duty to care for its elderly members but the State may also do so through just programs of social security."

Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9994 (*Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010*) has already amended R.A. No. 7432 (*An Act to Maximize the Contribution of Senior Citizens to Nation Building, Grant Benefits and Special Privileges and for Other Purposes*). However, the grant of social pension to our elderly members of society through the enactment of the latter law needs to adapt to the changing times and increasing cost of living caused by the rise in prices of commodities.

This bill seeks to allow indigent senior citizens to claim a monthly stipend of P2,000.00 to cater to their daily and medical needs. Considering that the current stipend of P500.00 would hardly be able to purchase today's medicine and commodities, it is due time that a revision of the law and an increase be duly made so that our elderly would not be left in dire straits.

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



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**AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT
OF 2010"**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representative of the Republic of the
Philippine 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) xxx xxx xxx

(h) Additional Government Assistance

(1) Social Pension

Indigent senior citizens shall be entitled to a monthly stipend
amounting to [Five hundred pesos (Php500.00)] **TWO
THOUSAND PESOS (Php2,000.00)** 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 THE MONTHLY STIPEND
FOR INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZENS SHALL COVER
THOSE WHO ARE SEVENTY (70) YEARS OLD AND
ABOVE.**

xxx xxx xxx."

SEC. 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.

1 **SEC. 3. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
2 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of
3 general circulation.

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5 Approved