

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



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HOUSE BILL NO. 5056

Introduced by Representative **TYRONE D. AGABAS**

**AN ACT GRANTING UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PENSION TO SENIOR
CITIZENS, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 7432, AS
AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE
EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010"**


EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to expand the coverage of social pension to all senior citizens throughout the country whether indigent or not.

Since the establishment of the social pension to senior citizens, who are qualified as indigents, it has significantly made a dent in narrowing the gap of poverty in the countryside. However, complaints relative to the selection of beneficiaries considerably raised the bar of awareness to revisit the applicable provisions of Republic Act 7432, as amended. A lot of senior citizens claim personal prejudice in their exclusion from the list of social pension beneficiaries foremost of which is the inaccuracy of the "listahan" database used in providing household data for qualified pensioners. This is further weighed down by the gap created by personal biases, clientelism, and corruption in targeting and selection of pensioners.

Putting on premiums to the general contributions of our senior citizens to our nation must supersede the need to classify social pension as limited only to our indigents. Social pension should be applied to all senior citizens regardless of their economic status in life. Accordingly, this bill will thus delimit the coverage of social pension under Republic Act 7432, as amended by Republic Act 9994, as to cover all senior citizens throughout the country with a social pension that is progressive and just. Only then can we give justice to the social pension clamors of our senior citizens.

Hence, this request for the immediate passage of this bill.



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

1 **SECTION 1.** Number (1), Paragraph (H), Section 5 of the
2 Republic Act No. 7432, as amended by Republic Act No. 9994,
3 otherwise known as the “Expanded Senior Citizens Act of
4 2010”, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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

7 x x x

8 (h) Additional Government Assistance

9 (I) Social Pension

10 “[Indigent senior} **ALL SENIOR** citizens shall be entitled to
11 monthly stipend amounting to a **MINIMUM OF** Five hundred
12 pesos (Php. 500.00) to augment the daily subsistence and other

13 medical needs of senior citizens, subject to a review every two
14 (2) years by Congress in consultation with the DSWD,
15 **PROVIDED, THAT SUCH SENIOR CITIZEN DOES NOT**
16 **RECEIVE ANY PENSION FROM THE GOVERNMENT**
17 **SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM, THE SOCIAL SECURITY**
18 **SYSTEM, AND OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOCIAL**
19 **PROTECTION SYSTEM”**

20 X X X

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

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

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

31 *Approved,*