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HOUSE BILL NO. _____



Introduced by **HONORABLE STRIKE B. REVILLA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 7432, as amended, otherwise known as "An Act to Maximize the Contribution of Senior Citizens to Nation Building, Grant Benefits and Special Privileges and for other purposes," was enacted primarily to acknowledge the role that our elderly has served during the more productive years of their lives.

RA 7432 was amended successively to further grant additional benefits to senior citizens. To date, the elderly enjoys a wide range of benefits and privileges ranging from goods and services' discounts to tax exemptions to various government assistance programs to express lanes, among others. Undoubtedly, all these are very useful to our elderlies who are mostly enjoying their retirement.

Undoubtedly, the benefits and privileges granted by statutes to senior citizens are numerous, from the trivial to the very crucial aspect of their benefits and privileges. This proposed measure aims to lower the age of those covered by the Expanded Senior Citizens' Act to include the elderly aged fifty-six (56) and above. By approving this proposal, the wide-range of benefits and privileges will also be enjoyed by fifty-sixers and above. This will further accord our elderlies the recognition and appreciation that they rightfully deserve.

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


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AN ACT
EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS' ACT,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended by Republic Act No. 9257, and Republic Act No. 9994, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 2. *Definition of terms.* – For purposes of this Act, these terms are defined as follows:

- (a) *Senior Citizen* or *elderly* refers to any resident citizen of the Philippines at least [~~sixty (60)~~] **FIFTY-SIX (56)** years old;
- (b) Xxx

Sec. 2. *Appropriations.* – The amounts necessary to carry out the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the agencies. Thereafter, the amounts necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 3. *Separability Clause.* – If for any reason any section or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Sec. 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 5. *Effectivity*. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,