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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) reported that Philippine GDP grew at its slowest at 5.6% in the first quarter of 2019. This is slower than the 2018 first quarter GDP growth of 6.5 percent. Because of this, the prospects for the majority of Filipinos can only worsen with slowing growth. One sector that will be heavily and seriously affected by this situation are our senior citizens.

Based on the study of Coalition of the Services of the Elderly (COSE), only 17 percent of senior citizens receive social pension at P500, while majority or 54 percent do not receive any pension at all. Even among those who are receiving pension (SSS, GSIS and others), SSS pensioners in particular, a third or 34 percent receive less than P2,000/month while more than half or 52 percent receive less than P3,000.

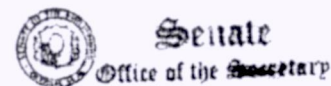
There is therefore a felt need to provide our senior citizens additional and better benefits than what are provided under present laws, especially now that with old age their health starts to fail, they could no longer or they are hard put to provide for themselves.

This bill was first filed in the 17th Congress in response to the clamor of indigent senior citizens.

The immediate passage of this bill, thus, is earnestly sought.


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

1 Section 1. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended by Republic Act No.
2 9257, further amended by Republic Act No. 9994, otherwise known as the "Expanded
3 Senior Citizens Act of 2010", is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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5 "Sec. 2. Definition of Terms. – For purposes of this Act, these terms are defined
6 as follows:

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10 ["(h) *Indigent senior citizen*, refers to any elderly who is frail, sickly or with
11 disability, and without pension or permanent source of income, compensation
12 or financial assistance from his/her relatives to support his/her basic needs, as
13 determined by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in
14 consultation with the National Coordinating and Monitoring Board."]

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16 "(h) SOCIAL PENSION, REFERS TO THE MONTHLY STIPEND OR MONETARY
17 GRANT FROM THE GOVERNMENT TO AUGMENT THE DAILY SUBSISTENCE

1 AND OTHER MEDICAL NEEDS OF SENIOR CITIZENS WHICH SHALL NOT BE
2 LESS THAN ONE THOUSAND PESOS (P1,000) PER MONTH.”
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4 Sec. 2. Section 5 of the same Act, as amended, is hereby further amended to
5 read as follows:
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9 “(h) Additional Government Assistance

10 (1) Social Pension

11 “[Indigent] ALL senior citizens WITHOUT PENSION OR WHO ARE RECEIVING
12 PENSION IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP5,000) AND
13 BELOW FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS), SOCIAL
14 SECURITY SYSTEM (SSS) AND PENSION AND GRATUITY MANAGEMENT
15 (PGMC) shall be entitled to a monthly stipend OF AT LEAST [amounting to Five
16 Hundred Pesos (P500)] ONE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP1,000) to augment daily
17 subsistence and other medical needs of senior citizens, WHICH AMOUNT SHALL
18 BE [subject to a review] REVIEWED every two (2) years by Congress, in
19 consultation with the COMMISSION ON SENIOR CITIZENS OR IN THE ABSENCE
20 THEREOF, the DSWD, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NATIONAL INFLATION
21 RATE AND OTHER RELEVANT ECONOMIC INDICATORS.
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23 ANY SENIOR CITIZEN MAY OPT NOT TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY SOCIAL
24 PENSION AND DONATE TO THE OSCA OR TO ANY GOVERNMENT-ACCREDITED
25 NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION (NGO) FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
26 OPERATING IN THE SAME CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WHERE THE DONOR
27 RESIDES. PROVIDED, THAT THE DONATIONS SHALL BE UTILIZED TO
28 AUGMENT THE MEDICAL NEEDS OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE
29 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WHERE THE OSCA AND THE GOVERNMENT-
30 ACCREDITED NGO FOR SENIOR CITIZENS ARE SITUATED.
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Sec. 3. If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Sec. 4. All laws, decrees, executive orders, or rules and regulations, contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,