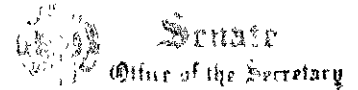


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AN ACT  
INSTITUTIONALIZING A TEN PERCENT BUDGETARY ALLOCATION OF  
BARANGAYS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES  
AND SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE  
PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN  
AS THE 'LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Marikina City 2<sup>nd</sup> District Representative Romero "Miro" S. Quimbo originally introduced this bill during the present 16<sup>th</sup> Congress as House Bill No. 3013 filed last September 26, 2013 together with North Cotabato 2<sup>nd</sup> District Representative Nancy A. Catamco as Co-Author.

The undersigned supports the move of the aforementioned House Representatives for institutionalizing the allocation of ten-percent (10%) of the total internal revenue allotment or IRA for barangays for projects and programs for senior citizens.

Article XV, Section 4, of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that it is the duty of the family to take care of its **elderly members** while the State may design program of social security for them. Further, Article XIII, Section 11, provides that "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, **elderly**, disabled, women and children."

The simultaneous rapid growth in the senior citizen population (5.3% in 1980 to 6.9% in 2011 or 6.4 million senior citizens, and projected to rise at 13.8% in 2040) and the increase in their special needs such as health care, housing, income security and other social services must now be put into utmost and serious consideration.

In the 2006 research commissioned by the Coalition of Services for the Elderly (COSE), about five percent (5%) of the total number of senior citizens are frail and weak and are left alone to fend for themselves or are dependent on the immediate family members for many of their activities of daily living. According to latest data from COSE, there are also around 1.4 million indigent or frail senior citizens that need financial assistance.

According to the NSCB or the National Statistical Coordination Board, there were 0.8 million and 1.0 million poor senior citizens in 2003 and 2006, respectively, compared to the total poor population of 19.8 million in 2003 and

22.2 million in 2006. Thus, our poor senior citizens comprised 4.0% and 4.7% of the poor population in 2003 and 2006, respectively.

Meanwhile, the life expectancy of Filipinos is now sixty-eight (68) years old for male, and seventy-three (73) years old for female (NSO 2010 Survey of Population) which means that Filipinos are living longer while their younger relatives who are the potential carers, and most of the country's healthcare personnel are seeking employment overseas.

Many of our senior citizens are also now retired, and many of them have their retirement pensions as the only regular source of income. The average monthly pension of a GSIS pensioner who is a senior citizen is only PhP 7,768 in 2008, PhP 8,359 in 2009, and PhP 8,586 in 2010. This is slightly above the salary of a minimum wage earner (working 26 days a month).

In the light of our ageing population and the vulnerability of our senior citizens, we must indeed do new and innovative programs and projects that will benefit our senior citizens. Most importantly, fulfillment of these responsibilities will require allotment of budget in the barangay level.

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



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

1       **SECTION 1.** Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended  
2 with the insertion of a new proviso, as follows:  
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4               "Section 285. Allocation to Local Government Units. - The share of  
5 local government units in the internal revenue allotment shall be collected  
6 in the following manner:  
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10              Provided, finally, That the financial requirements of barangays  
11 created by local government units after the effectivity of this Code shall be  
12 the responsibility of the local government unit concerned.  
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14              **PROVIDED, THAT TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE TOTAL**  
15 **INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT ALLOCATED TO BARANGAYS**  
16 **SHALL BE USED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANS,**  
17 **PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES, AND SERVICES FOR SENIOR**  
18 **CITIZENS."**  
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20       **SECTION 2.** The Department of Interior and Local Government shall  
21 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation  
22 of this Act.  
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24       **SECTION 3. Separability Clause** – If any provision or part hereof, is held  
25 invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise  
26 affected shall remain valid and subsisting.  
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28       **SECTION 4. Repealing Clause** – All laws, issuances or any part thereof  
29 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.  
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31       **SECTION 5. Effectivity** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days  
32 following its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of  
33 general circulation.  
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35              Approved,