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EXPLANATORY NOTE

A debt of gratitude. That is what we owe to our Senior citizens who have strived, worked hard and constituted the backbone of our economy during the prime of their lives. The Senior Citizens Act has granted them with the privileges rightfully deserved by these members of our society, yet it is felt by this representation that better benefits can be afforded to them, especially in the times when their health fails them.

The passage of this Act is earnestly sought as it is a means by which we could repay our debts of gratitude to our senior citizens and hopefully alleviate their needs especially in their times of need when they could no longer provide for themselves as their good health starts to desert them.



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**AN ACT**  
**GRANTING FREE HOSPITALIZATION TO SENIOR CITIZENS IN ANY**  
**GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE, SECTION**  
**FOUR (e) OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SEVENTY-FOUR HUNDRED**  
**AND THIRTY-TWO."**

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

Section 1. Section Four, Subsection (e) of Republic Act Numbered  
Seventy-Four Hundred and Thirty-Two is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 4 Privileges for the Senior Citizens.- The senior  
citizens shall be entitled the following:

"xxx

- (e) Free medical and dental services and **FREE  
HOSPITALIZATION AND CONFINEMENT** in government  
[establishment] **HOSPITAL** anywhere in the country, subject  
to guidelines to be issued by the Department of Health, the  
**GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM AND  
SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM."**

Sec. 2. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its  
publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,