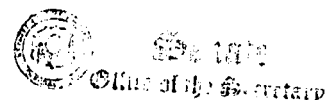


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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."

According to data released by the Coalition of Services of the Elderly (COSE), the number of Filipinos 60 years and over is projected to increase by 0.23 percent in 2017 and will most likely be over 8 million in 2018, roughly 8.2 percent of the country's total population.

Among elder Filipinos, only 29 percent are covered by the SSS and GSIS retirement pensions. Thirty-four percent are the target beneficiaries of the Social Pension Program for Indigent Senior Citizens of the Department of Social Welfare and Development and 37 percent have no pension at all and living in dire poverty.

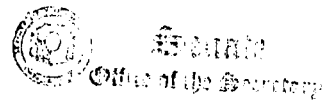
In the light of our ageing population and the vulnerability of our senior citizens, we must indeed do new and innovative programs and projects that will benefit our senior citizens. Most importantly, fulfillment of these responsibilities will require allotment of budget in the barangay level.

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 with the
2 insertion of a new proviso, as follows:

3 "Section 285. *Allocation to Local Government Units.* – The share of
4 local government units in the internal revenue allotment shall be collected in
5 the following manner:

6 x x x

7 *Provided, finally,* That the financial requirements of barangays created
8 by local government units after the effectivity of this Code shall be the
9 responsibility of the local government unit concerned.

10 **PROVIDED, THAT TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE TOTAL INTERNAL**
11 **REVENUE ALLOTMENT ALLOCATED TO BARANGAYS SHALL BE USED**
12 **FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANS, PROGRAMS, PROJECTS,**

1 **ACTIVITIES, AND SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.”**

2 **SEC. 2.** The Department of Interior and Local Government shall promulgate the
3 necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

4 **SEC. 3. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or
5 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected
6 shall remain valid and subsisting.

7 **SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, issuances or any part thereof inconsistent
8 with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

9 **SEC. 5. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following
10 its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,