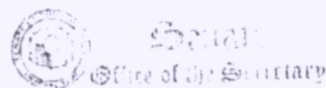


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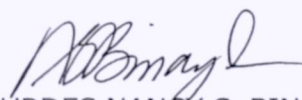
Article XV, Section 4 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides:

"The family has the duty to care for its elderly members but the
State may also do so through just programs of social security."

Majority of Filipino families are bonded by common values and traits that are first taught at home and being applied in our day to day lives. Such values include having close-knit family ties. Often times, senior members of the family continue to provide for their family, giving them a strong sense of purpose and fulfillment. In addition, it gives them a feeling of pride that they do not burden their loved ones since they are able to take care of themselves.

The proposed bill seeks to augment the provision of social pension for all senior citizens in order to aid them in addressing their daily needs and ensuring that they are cared for.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Binay', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

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

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

1 ~~consultation with the National Coordinating and Monitoring~~
2 ~~Board.”]~~

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4 Sec. 2. Section 5 of the same Act, as amended, is hereby further amended
5 to read as follows:

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7 “Sec. 5. Government Assistance. – The government shall
8 provide the following:

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12 “(h) Additional Government Assistance

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14 “(l) Social Pension

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16 “~~[Indigent]~~ ALL senior citizens WHO ARE NOT RECEIVING
17 PENSION OR WHO ARE RECEIVING PENSION IN THE AMOUNT OF
18 THREE THOUSAND PESOS (P3,000.00) AND BELOW FROM THE
19 GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS), SOCIAL
20 SECURITY SYSTEM (SSS), OR PENSION AND GRATUITY
21 MANAGEMENT CENTER (PGMC), shall be entitled to a monthly
22 stipend OF AT LEAST ~~[amounting to Five hundred pesos~~
23 ~~(P500.00)]~~ ONE THOUSAND PESOS (P1,000.00) to augment the
24 daily subsistence and other medical needs of senior citizens,
25 WHICH AMOUNT SHALL BE ~~[subject to a review]~~ REVIEWED every
26 two (2) years by Congress, in consultation with the DSWD OR ANY
27 AGENCY THAT SHALL BE SO DESIGNATED BY AN ACT OF
28 CONGRESS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NATIONAL INFLATION
29 RATE AND OTHER RELEVANT ECONOMIC INDICATORS.

1 SENIOR CITIZENS WHO DO NOT NEED SOCIAL PENSION TO
2 AUGMENT THEIR DAILY SUBSISTENCE AND MEDICAL NEEDS MAY
3 OPT NOT TO CLAIM THE MONTHLY STIPEND. UNCLAIM SOCIAL
4 PENSION FUNDS SHALL REVERT BACK TO THE NATIONAL
5 TREASURY AND FORM PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S GENERAL
6 FUND

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10 Sec. 3. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid
11 or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected shall continue to be in
12 full force and effect.

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14 Sec. 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders or rules
15 and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or
16 modified accordingly.

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18 Sec. 5. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
19 from its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general
20 circulation.

Approved,