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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 597**

Submitted by the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development;  
and Finance on FEB 02 2022.

Re: **Senate Bill No.** 2506 Prepared by the Committees upon the  
recommendation of the Subcommittee on Social Pension Bills (Senate Bill Nos. 126,  
133, 160, 259, 570, 1267, 2243)

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 126, 133, 160, 259,  
570, 1267, 2243, taking into consideration House Bill No. 9459.

Sponsor: **Senator Joel Villanueva**

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**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Finance,  
to which were referred **Senate Bill No. 126**, introduced by Senator Poe, entitled:

**"AN ACT**

**PROVIDING FOR A UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PENSION FOR  
SENIOR CITIZENS, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE  
PURPOSE R.A. NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY R.A. NO. 9994,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "EXPANDED SENIOR  
CITIZENS ACT OF 2010"**

**Senate Bill No. 133**, introduced by Senator Angara, *entitled:*

**"AN ACT  
INCREASING THE MONTHLY SOCIAL PENSION OF SENIOR  
CITIZENS AND EXPANDING THE COVERAGE THEREOF"**

**Senate Bill No. 160**, introduced by Senators Hontiveros and De Lima, *entitled:*

**"AN ACT  
GRANTING UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PENSION TO ALL SENIOR  
CITIZENS AGED 65 YEARS OLD AND ABOVE, AMENDING  
FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS  
AMENDED"**

**Senate Bill No. 259**, introduced by Senator Pangilinan, *entitled:*

**"AN ACT  
INCREASING THE MONTHLY SOCIAL PENSION OF SENIOR  
CITIZENS AND EXPANDING THE COVERAGE THEREOF,  
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432,  
AS AMENDED"**

**Senate Bill No. 570**, introduced by Senators Binay and De Lima, *entitled:*

**"AN ACT  
INCREASING THE MONTHLY SOCIAL PENSION OF SENIOR  
CITIZENS AND EXPANDING THE COVERAGE THEREOF,  
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 2 AND 5 OF  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 9257, FURTHER AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO.**

**9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'EXPANDED SENIOR  
CITIZENS ACT OF 2010"**

**Senate Bill No. 1267**, introduced by Senator Revilla, *entitled:*

**"AN ACT  
INCREASING THE MONTHLY SOCIAL PENSION OF SENIOR  
CITIZENS, EXPANDING THE COVERAGE THEREOF"**

**Senate Bill No. 2243**, introduced by Senators Sotto and De Lima, *entitled:*

**"AN ACT  
INCREASING THE SOCIAL PENSION OF INDIGENT SENIOR  
CITIZENS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,  
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432  
ENTITLED, 'AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE THE CONTRIBUTION OF  
SENIOR CITIZENS TO NATION BUILDING, GRANT  
BENEFITS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES,' AS AMENDED"**

and taking into consideration **House Bill No. 9459**, introduced by Reps. Ordanes,  
*et al*, *entitled:*

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CITIZENS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,  
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432  
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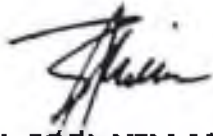
have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached **Senate Bill No. 2506** prepared by the Committees, entitled"

**"AN ACT  
INCREASING THE SOCIAL PENSION OF INDIGENT  
SENIOR CITIZENS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 7432 ENTITLED, 'AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE THE  
CONTRIBUTION OF SENIOR CITIZENS TO NATION  
BUILDING, GRANT BENEFITS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,' AS AMENDED, AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES"**

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 126, 133, 160, 259, 570, 1267, 2243, taking into consideration House Bill No. 9459 with Senators Poe, Angara, Hontiveros, De Lima, Pangilinan, Binay, Revilla, Sotto III and Villanueva, as authors thereof.

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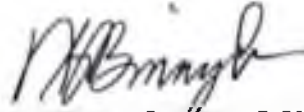
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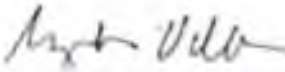
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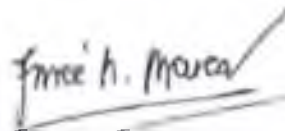
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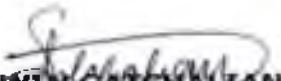
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**S.B. No. 2506**

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**AN ACT**

**INCREASING THE SOCIAL PENSION OF INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZENS AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432 ENTITLED, 'AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE THE  
CONTRIBUTION OF SENIOR CITIZENS TO NATION BUILDING, GRANT  
BENEFITS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,' AS  
AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

*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, is hereby further  
2 amended to read as follows:

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

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7               "(a)   x x x;

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9                       x x x;

1 (h) x x x;  
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3 (I) **PENSION PROVIDER** REFERS TO ANY  
4 GOVERNMENT OFFICE OR AGENCY, OR ANY  
5 PRIVATE ENTITY WHICH PROVIDES PENSIONS TO  
6 ENTITLED RECIPIENTS ON THE BASIS OF  
7 CONTRIBUTIONS, GRATUITY, OR AS MANDATED  
8 BY ANY GOVERNING LAW OR ISSUANCE,  
9 INCLUDING THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (SSS),  
10 THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM  
11 (GSIS), AND THE PENSION AND GRATUITY  
12 MANAGEMENT CENTER (PGMC);  
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14 (J) **SOCIAL PENSION** REFERS TO THE MONETARY  
15 GRANT FROM THE GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT THE  
16 DAILY SUBSISTENCE AND MEDICAL NEEDS OF  
17 SENIOR CITIZENS WHICH SHALL NOT BE LESS  
18 THAN ONE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 1,000.00) PER  
19 MONTH."  
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21 **SEC. 2.** Section 5 of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended, is hereby further  
22 amended to read as follows:  
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24 "SEC. 5. Government Assistance. – The government shall provide the  
25 following:  
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27 "(a) Employment

28 x x x;  
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30 "Private entities that will employ senior citizens as  
31 employees, upon the effectivity of this Act, shall be entitled  
32 to an additional deduction from their gross income,

equivalent to fifteen percent (15%) of the total amount paid as salaries and wages to senior citizens, subject to the provision of Section 34 of the NIRC, as amended: Provided, however, That such employment shall continue for a period of at least six (6) months: Provided, further, That the annual income of the senior citizen does not exceed the latest poverty threshold as ~~[determined]~~ **PUBLISHED** by the ~~[National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)]~~ **PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA)** for that year.

x x x;

(h) Additional Government Assistance

(1) **MANDATORY** Social Pension

"Indigent senior citizens shall be entitled to a monthly stipend amounting to ~~[Five hundred]~~ **NOT LESS THAN ONE THOUSAND PESOS** ~~[(Php500)]~~ **(Php1,000.00)** to augment the daily subsistence and other medical needs of senior citizens ~~[subject to a review every two (2) years by Congress, in consultation with the DSWD].~~

**THE DSWD SHALL, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT (DBM), IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS, REVIEW AND, WHEN NECESSARY, ADJUST THE AMOUNT THE SOCIAL PENSION EVERY TWO (2) YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PRESENT**

**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AS PUBLISHED BY THE  
PSA AND RELEVANT ECONOMIC INDICATORS, AS  
REPORTED AND PUBLISHED BY PERTINENT  
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES.**

(2) x x x

(3) Social Safety Nets

Social safety assistance intended to cushion the effects of economic shocks, disasters, and calamities shall be available for senior citizens. The social safety assistance which shall include [, but not limited to] food, medicines, and financial assistance for domicile repair, shall be sourced from the disaster/calamity funds of LGUs where the senior citizens reside, subject to the guidelines to be issued by the [DSWD] **NCSC.**"

**SEC. 3. Form and Manner of Payment.** – The monthly stipend shall be released to target beneficiaries either in cash, direct remittance through the engagement of a service provider duly accredited by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, electronic transfer, or other modes of delivery, whichever is more practical and acceptable to the beneficiary, ensuring its release in the most expeditious and efficient manner.

**SEC. 4. Waiver of Fees.** – Any transaction or service fee arising from the engagement of a service provider, electronic transfer, or other modes of delivery with services fees for the release of the monthly stipends and other forms of assistance to target beneficiaries shall not be charged against the target beneficiaries.

**SEC. 5. Transfer of Functions from the DSWD.** – The implementation, distribution, and management of the social pension for senior citizens shall, in

accordance with Section 11 of Republic Act No. 7742, as amended by Republic Act No. 11350, be transferred from the DSWD to the National Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC) within a period not exceeding three (3) years from the effectivity of this Act.

The absorption or transfer of regular or permanent and other employees of the affected offices and programs of DSWD shall be done in accordance with applicable laws, including civil service laws, rules, and regulations, and subject to the approval of DBM.

**SEC. 6. List of Beneficiaries.** – The DSWD, and thereafter upon full transfer of its functions and programs to the NCSC, shall update and validate the list of beneficiaries under this Act, in coordination with local government units and the PSA, through its community-based monitoring system established under Republic Act No. 11315, otherwise known as the “Community-Based Monitoring System Act”.

**SEC. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.**– Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the NCSC shall, in consultation with DSWD, DBM and other concerned government agencies, as well as nongovernmental organizations and people’s organizations of senior citizens duly accredited by the DSWD, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

**SEC. 8. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of the DSWD. Thereafter such amount necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SEC. 9. Separability Clause.** – If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

**SEC. 10. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, and rules

and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 11. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,