Submitted by the Special Committee on Senior Citizens and the Committee on Appropriations on

May 25, 2021

Re : House Bill No. 9459

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 88, 241, 1565, 2210, 2480, 2541, 2868, 2873, 3038, 3097, 3229, 3525, 3640, 4057, 4650, 4669, 4948, 5056, 5122, 5173, 5632, 5735, 5926, 6038, 6298, 6431, 6436 and 7266

Sponsors : Reps. Rodolfo M. Ordanes, Eric Go Yap, and Alfredo A. Garbin, Jr.

Mr. Speaker:

The Special Committee on Senior Citizens and the Committee on Appropriations, to which were referred House Bill No. 88, introduced by Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin, Jr., entitled:

“AN ACT
GRANTING UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PENSION TO SENIOR CITIZENS, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY RA 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010’”

House Bill No. 241, introduced by Reps. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate, Ferdinand R. Gaite and Eufemia "Ka Femia" C. Cullamat, entitled:

“AN ACT
INCREASING THE MONTHLY SOCIAL PENSION OF SENIOR CITIZENS EXPANDING THE COVERAGE THEREOF”

House Bill No. 1565, introduced by Rep. Rommel Rico Angara, entitled:

“AN ACT
INCREASING THE MONTHLY SOCIAL PENSION OF SENIOR CITIZENS AND EXPANDING THE COVERAGE THEREOF”

House Bill No. 2210, introduced by Rep. Sol Aragones, entitled:

“AN ACT
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House Bill No. 2480, introduced by Rep. Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D., entitled:

"AN ACT
REDEFINING THE TERM "INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZEN" UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010"

House Bill No. 2541, introduced by Rep. Paul R. Daza, entitled:

"AN ACT
REDEFINING THE TERM "INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZEN" UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010', INCREASING THEIR MONTHLY PENSION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

House Bill No. 2868, introduced by Rep. Raul “Boboy” C. Tupas, entitled:

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

House Bill No. 2873, introduced by Rep. Jocelyn F. Fortuno, entitled:

"AN ACT
INCREASING THE SOCIAL PENSION GRANTED TO INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZENS, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994 AS AMENDED OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010'"

House Bill No. 3038, introduced by Reps. Estrellita B. Suansing and Horacio P. Suansing, Jr., entitled:

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

House Bill No. 3097, introduced by Rep. Strike B. Revilla, entitled:

"AN ACT
EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS' ACT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED"

House Bill No. 3229, introduced by Rep. John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto, 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"

House Bill No. 3525, introduced by Rep. Diego "Nonoy" C. Ty, 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. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010"

House Bill No. 3640, introduced by Rep. Cristal L. Bagatsing, 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"

House Bill No. 4057, introduced by Rep. Josephine Veronique Lacson-Noel, entitled:

"AN ACT
INCREASING THE MONTHLY SOCIAL PENSION OF SENIOR CITIZENS, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010"

House Bill No. 4650, introduced by Rep. Luis Raymund "LRay" F. Villafuerte, Jr., 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"

House Bill No. 4669, introduced by Rep. Faustino "Inno" A. Dy V, entitled:

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

House Bill No. 4948, introduced by Rep. John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto, entitled:

"AN ACT
REDEFINING THE TERM "INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZEN" UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7492, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010"

House Bill No. 5056, introduced by Rep. Tyrone D. Agabas, entitled:

"AN ACT
GRANTING UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PENSION TO SENIOR CITIZENS, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 7432, AS AMENDED BY RA 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010”

House Bill No. 5122, introduced by Rep. Sol Aragones, 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 REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010”

House Bill No. 5173, introduced by Rep. Eric L. Olivarez, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS PENSION PROGRAM AND INCREASING ITS AMOUNT, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE THE CONTRIBUTION OF SENIOR CITIZENS TO NATION BUILDING, GRANT BENEFITS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

House Bill No. 5632, introduced by Reps. Paolo Z. Duterte, Isidro T. Ungab, and Vincent J. Garcia, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING SOCIAL PENSION TO ALL SENIOR CITIZENS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE THE CONTRIBUTION OF SENIOR CITIZENS TO NATION BUILDING, GRANT BENEFITS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

House Bill No. 5735, introduced by Rep. Ramon "Mon-Mon" V. Guico III, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE MONTHLY SOCIAL PENSION OF INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZENS AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NOS. 9257 AND 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010”

House Bill No. 5926, introduced by Rep. Aloy Lim, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE SOCIAL PENSION OF SENIOR CITIZENS AND EXPANDING THE COVERAGE THEREOF, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 9994”

House Bill No. 6038, introduced by Rep. Stella Luz A. Quimbo, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING MANDATORY SOCIAL PENSION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NOS. 9257 AND 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010"

House Bill No. 6298, introduced by Rep. Romulo "Kid" Peña, Jr., entitled:

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

House Bill No. 6431, introduced by Rep. Francisco G. Datol, Jr., entitled:

"AN ACT
GRANTING UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PENSION TO ALL SENIOR CITIZENS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE THE CONTRIBUTION OF SENIOR CITIZENS TO NATION BUILDING, GRANT BENEFITS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

House Bill No. 6436, introduced by Rep. Alfred D. Vargas, entitled:

"AN ACT
GRANTING UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PENSION TO SENIOR CITIZENS, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010"

House Bill No. 7266, introduced by Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez, entitled:

"AN ACT
GRANTING UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PENSION TO SENIOR CITIZENS, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY RA 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010"

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 9459 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"


Respectfully submitted:

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Villanueva, David “Jay-Jay” C. Suarez, Kristine Singson-Meehan, Juan Miguel Macapagal-Arroyo,
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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
**Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:**

**SECTION 1.** Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7432 as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 2. Definition of terms. – For purposes of this Act, these terms are defined as follows:

“(a) x x x;

(h) x x x;

“I) PENSION PROVIDER REFERS TO ANY GOVERNMENT OFFICE OR AGENCY, OR ANY PRIVATE ENTITY WHICH PROVIDES PENSIONS TO ENTITLED RECIPIENTS ON THE BASIS OF CONTRIBUTIONS, GRATUITY, OR AS MANDATED BY ANY GOVERNING LAW OR ISSUANCE, INCLUDING THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (SSS), THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS), AND THE PENSION AND GRATUITY MANAGEMENT CENTER (PGMC);

“J) SOCIAL PENSION REFERS TO THE MONETARY GRANT FROM THE GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT THE DAILY SUBSISTENCE AND MEDICAL NEEDS OF SENIOR CITIZENS WHICH SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN ONE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 1,000.00) PER MONTH.”

**SEC. 2.** Section 5 of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 5. Government Assistance. – The government shall provide the following:

“(a) Employment

   “x x x.

“Private entities that will employ senior citizens as employees, upon the effectivity of this Act, shall be entitled 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 OF 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.**

**THE IMPLEMENTATION, DISTRIBUTION, AND MANAGEMENT OF THE SOCIAL PENSION SHALL 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.**

“(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. 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. 4. 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. 5. 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. 6. 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. 7. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.
FACT SHEET

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OBJECTIVE:

- To enhance the capacity of indigent senior citizens to meet daily subsistence and medical requirements.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Defines the terms “social pension” and “pension provider” as follows:

  *Pension provider* refers to any government office or agency or any private entity which provides pensions to entitled recipients on the basis of contributions, gratuity, or as mandated by any governing law or issuance, including but not limited to the Social Security System (SSS), the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), and the Pension and Gratuity Management Center (PGMC)

  *Social pension* refers to the monetary grant from the government to support the daily subsistence and medical needs of senior citizens which shall not be less than One thousand pesos (Php 1,000.00) per month

- Provides additional financial assistance to indigent senior citizens, in the form of a monthly stipend amounting to One thousand pesos (P1,000.00) to help indigent senior citizens defray the cost of daily subsistence and other medical needs

- Mandates the DSWD, in consultation with the Department of Budget and Management, as well as other stakeholders, to review and when necessary, increase the amount of social pension every two (2) years after the effectivity of this Act, taking into account the various needs of senior citizens and relevant economic indicators

RELATED LAWS:

- Republic Act No. 9994- Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010
- Republic Act No. 7432- An Act to Maximize the Contribution of Senior Citizens to Nation Building, Grant Benefits and Special Privileges and For Other Purposes.