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HOUSE BILL NO. 1704

Introduced by **HONORABLE LUIS RAYMUND F. VILLAFUERTE, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

A core foundation of our culture is our respect for our elders—how we hold them in high regard and look to them for wisdom. It is therefore unsurprising that the State has legislated measures that provide for the protection of our elderly in gratitude for their invaluable contribution in building our nation.

The value that we place on our elders should all the more be reflected in our laws as the Philippines is projected to move towards an aging population; the number of elderly in the country is seen to constitute over 8 million people by the end of 2018.

With this in mind, this bill proposes to authorize the allocation of 5% of the total internal revenue allotment for barangays in favor of the indigent senior citizens. The allocation shall be used for the implementation of plans, programs, projects, activities and services concerning the welfare of senior citizens. This shall also be used to provide financial aid to senior citizens in need.

The approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING A FIVE PERCENT (5%) BUDGETARY ALLOCATION OF
BARANGAYS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS, PROJECTS,
ACTIVITIES, AND SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, AMENDING FOR THIS
PURPOSE THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE" AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended with the insertion of a new proviso, as follows:

"Section 285. Allocation to Local Government Units — the share of local government units in the internal revenue allotment shall be allocated in the following manner:

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PROVIDED, THAT FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE TOTAL INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT ALLOCATED TO BARANGAYS SHALL BE USED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANS, PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES, AND SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THIS ALLOCATION SHALL ALSO BE USED TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL AID TO SENIOR CITIZENS, WHEN NECESSARY.

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

SECTION 3. Separability Clause. — Should any provision herein be declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of this Act.

SECTION 4. Repealing Clause. — All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations or other issuances or parts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. Effectivity Clause. — This Act shall take effect in fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,