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HOUSE BILL NO. 9837



Introduced by: **REP. SALVADOR A. PLEYTO, SR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Senior citizens in our country have been continuously giving their contribution to nation building. Despite their old age, generally they are very much active to impart their knowledge and wisdom to the present generation and provide valuable lessons for our society's development. Indeed, senior citizens are the crafters of whatever good our present generation enjoys today.

It is therefore just appropriate to give back what is due to our senior citizens. There are several laws enacted to give our senior citizens the privileges they deserve, and many other more proposals are in line. However, due to lack of funding, implementation of programs for our senior citizens and enactment of supplementary measures often take a standstill.

This bill aims to require all government agencies to set aside one percent (1%) of their total budget for programs, projects, and activities exclusive for senior citizens-related programs. This will ensure that such programs for senior citizens will have adequate funding and will be implemented efficiently. The senior citizens sector deserves to be given all the needed assistance the government could provide to remain as active members of the community.

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


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**AN ACT MANDATING ALL NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO SET
ASIDE ONE PERCENT (1%) OF THEIR TOTAL BUDGET FOR PROGRAMS,
PROJECTS, AND ACTIVITIES EXCLUSIVE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS-RELATED
PROGRAMS, AMENDING SEC. 5 OF THE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS, "EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010 "**

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

SECTION 1. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9994 is hereby amended to read as
follows:

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

(a) xxx

-xxx

(h) Additional Government Assistance

(1) xxx

-xxx

(4) **Government Budget Allocation for Senior Citizens**

**"All National Government Agencies shall set aside one percent
(1%) of their total budget for programs, projects, and activities
exclusive for senior citizens for senior citizens related programs."**

SEC. 2. *Separability Clause* – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity Clause*. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,