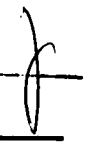


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**ABOLISHING THE NATIONAL COORDINATING AND MONITORING BOARD AND**  
**CREATING THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, AMENDING**  
**THEREFOR REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9257, AS**  
**FURTHER AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

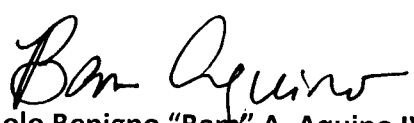
Our Filipino senior citizens have contributed immensely to the growth and progress of the country. As they reach the twilight of their lives, it is our responsibility as a society to ensure their rights and privileges, and that proper accommodation is given to them.

To further embolden RA 7432, the Senior Citizens Act of 2015 seeks to institutionalize the National Commission for Senior Citizens (NCSC), which shall have the best interests of our country's seniors at heart.

As a national agency, the NCSC will formulate and implement policies, plans, and programs that promote senior rights and privileges or address issues plaguing the sector.

With sectors such as the youth, women, and persons with disabilities having a specialized body catering to their constituents, it is about time that our Filipino seniors are awarded their own commission as well to ensure that no Filipino gets left behind.

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

  
Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" A. Aquino IV

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**NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9257, AS FURTHER AMENDED BY REPUBLIC**  
**ACT NO. 9994**

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

1       **SECTION 1.** Section 11 of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended, otherwise known as  
2 the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010", is hereby amended to read as follows:

3       "[SEC. 11. Monitoring and Coordinating Mechanism. – A National Coordinating and  
4 Monitoring Board shall be established which shall be composed of the following:

- 5       (a) Chairperson – the Secretary of the DSWD or an authorized representative;  
6       (b) Vice-Chairperson – the Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local  
7       Government (DILG) or an authorized representative; and  
8       (c) Members:

- 9               (1) The Secretary of the DOJ or an authorized representative;  
10              (2) The Secretary of the DOH or an authorized representative;  
11              (3) The Secretary of the DTI or an authorized representative; and  
12              (4) Representatives from five (5) NGOs for senior citizens which are duly  
13              accredited by the DSWD and have service primarily for senior citizens.

14              Representatives of NGOs shall serve a period of three (3) years.

15       The Board may call on other government agencies, NGOs and POs to serve as  
16       resource persons as the need arises. Resource persons have no right to vote in the  
17       National Coordinating and Monitoring Board.]

18       **SECTION 11. NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS (NCSC). - TO CARRY**  
19 **OUT THE POLICIES SET FORTH, THERE SHALL BE CREATED THE NATIONAL COMMISSION**  
20 **FOR SENIOR CITIZENS (NCSC) WHICH SHALL BE THE PRIMARY GOVERNMENT AGENCY**  
21 **RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES, PLANS, AND**  
22 **PROGRAMS TO RECOGNIZE, PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE RIGHTS OF SENIOR CITIZENS."**

1           **SEC. 2.** Section 12 of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended, otherwise known as the  
2 "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010", is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **"SECTION 12. APPOINTMENT. - THE CHAIRPERSON AND COMMISSIONER/S SHALL**  
4 **BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM A LIST OF RECOMMENDEES**  
5 **SUBMITTED BY SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS."**

6           **SEC. 3.** Section 13 of Republic Act No. 7432 as amended, otherwise known as the  
7 "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010", is hereby amended to read as follows:

8           **"SECTION 13. QUALIFICATIONS, TENURE, COMPENSATION. - THE CHAIRPERSON**  
9 **AND THE SIX (6) COMMISSIONERS MUST BE NATURAL BORN CITIZENS, BONA FIDE**  
10 **MEMBERS OF SENIOR CITIZEN ASSOCIATIONS OR ORGANIZATIONS AS CERTIFIED BY THE**  
11 **ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION, AT LEAST 60 YEARS OLD AT THE TIME OF**  
12 **APPOINTMENT, PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE NCSC SHALL HOLD**  
13 **OFFICE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS, AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO REAPPOINTMENT**  
14 **FOR ANOTHER TERM: PROVIDED, FURTHERMORE, THAT NO PERSON SHALL SERVE FOR**  
15 **MORE THAN TWO (2) TERMS. APPOINTMENT TO ANY VACANCY SHALL ONLY BE FOR THE**  
16 **UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE PREDECESSOR AND IN NO CASE SHALL A MEMBER BE**  
17 **APPOINTED OR DESIGNATED IN A TEMPORARY OR ACTING CAPACITY: PROVIDED,**  
18 **FINALLY, THAT THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO**  
19 **COMPENSATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SALARY STANDARDIZATION LAW."**

20           **SEC. 4.** Section 14 of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended, otherwise known as the  
21 "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010", is hereby amended to read as follows:

22           **"SECTION 14. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE. - ANY MEMBER OF THE NCSC MAY BE**  
23 **REMOVED FROM OFFICE BY THE PRESIDENT, ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE OR UPON**  
24 **RECOMMENDATION BY ANY SENIOR CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS OR ORGANIZATIONS,**  
25 **BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF HIS TERM FOR JUST CAUSE AND AFTER COMPLYING WITH**  
26 **DUE PROCESS REQUIREMENT OF LAW."**

27           **SEC. 5.** Section 15 of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended, otherwise known as the  
28 "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010", is hereby amended to read as follows:

29           **"SECTION 15. APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS. - THE PRESIDENT SHALL**  
30 **APPOINT THE SEVEN (7) COMMISSIONERS OF THE NCSC WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS FROM**  
31 **THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT."**

32           **SEC. 6.** Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended, otherwise known as the  
33 "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010", is hereby amended to read as follows:

34           **"SECTION 16. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS. - TO ACCOMPLISH ITS MANDATE, THE**  
35 **NCSC SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING POWERS, JURISDICTION AND FUNCTION.**

1           A)     TO SERVE AS THE PRIMARY GOVERNMENT AGENCY THROUGH WHICH  
2 SENIOR CITIZENS CAN SEEK GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE AND AS THE MEDIUM THROUGH  
3 WHICH SUCH ASSISTANCE MAY BE EXTENDED;

4           B)     TO REVIEW AND ASSESS THE CONDITIONS OF SENIOR CITIZENS INCLUDING  
5 EXISTING LAWS AND POLICIES PERTINENT THERETO AND TO PROPOSE RELEVANT LAWS  
6 AND POLICIES TO ADDRESS THEIR ROLE IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT;

7           C)     TO FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES, PLANS, PROGRAMS AND  
8 PROJECTS FOR THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE SENIOR  
9 CITIZENS AND TO MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF;

10          F)     SUBJECT TO EXISTING LAWS, TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS,  
11 OR ARRANGEMENT, WITH GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE AGENCIES OR ENTITIES AS MAY BE  
12 NECESSARY TO ATTAIN THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS ACT, AND SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF  
13 THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, TO OBTAIN LOANS FROM GOVERNMENT LENDING  
14 INSTITUTIONS AND OTHER LENDING INSTITUTIONS TO FINANCE ITS PROGRAMS;

15          G)     TO NEGOTIATE FOR FUNDS AND TO ACCEPT GRANTS, DONATIONS, GIFTS  
16 AND/OR PROPERTIES IN WHATEVER FORM AND FROM WHATEVER SOURCE, LOCAL AND  
17 INTERNATIONAL, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, FOR  
18 THE BENEFIT OF SENIOR CITIZENS AND ADMINISTER THE SAME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
19 TERMS THEREOF; OR IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY CONDITION, IN SUCH MANNER CONSISTENT  
20 WITH THE INTEREST OF SENIOR CITIZENS AS WELL AS EXISTING LAWS;

21          H)     TO COORDINATE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR THE  
22 ADVANCEMENT OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS AND TO OVERSEE THE PROPER  
23 IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF;

24          I)     TO PROMOTE PARTICIPATION OF SENIOR CITIZENS IN BUSINESS CREATION  
25 AND ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO MENTORSHIP,  
26 MANAGEMENT AND POTENTIAL INVESTMENT;

27          J)     TO CONVENE PERIODIC CONVENTIONS OR ASSEMBLIES OF SENIOR CITIZENS  
28 TO REVIEW, ASSESS AS WELL AS PROPOSE POLICIES OR PLANS;

29          K)     TO PREPARE YEARLY ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE  
30 PRESIDENT, CONGRESS, AND THE CONCERNED NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL  
31 GOVERNMENT UNITS;

32          L)     TO SUBMIT TO CONGRESS APPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS  
33 INTENDED TO CARRY OUT THE POLICIES UNDER THIS ACT;

34          M)     TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET TO THE OFFICE OF  
35 THE PRESIDENT;

1 N) TO PROMULGATE THE NECESSARY RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE  
2 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT;

3 O) TO EXERCISE SUCH OTHER POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AS MAY BE DIRECTED BY  
4 THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES; AND

5 P) TO REPRESENT THE SENIOR CITIZENS OF THE PHILIPPINES IN ALL  
6 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS DEALING WITH SENIOR CITIZENS AND  
7 OTHER RELATED CONCERNS."

8 SEC. 7. Section 17 of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended, otherwise known as the  
9 "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010", is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 "SECTION 17. REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS. - THERE SHALL BE  
11 ESTABLISHED IN ALL REGIONS A REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS WITH  
12 SIMILAR MEMBERSHIP AND FUNCTIONS AS THE NATIONAL COMMISSION AS FAR AS  
13 PRACTICABLE, SIMILAR BODIES SHALL BE ESTABLISHED IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
14 UNITS."

15 SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.* - Should any provision of this Act be found  
16 unconstitutional by a court of law, such provision shall be severed from the remainder of  
17 this Act, and such action shall not affect the enforceability of the remaining provisions of  
18 this Act.

19 SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders and rules  
20 and regulations or part thereof, contrary to, or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act,  
21 are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

22 SEC. 10. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete  
23 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

24 *Approved,*