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ABAYON, CAMPOS, MATUGAS, LACSON, DURANO, LEACHON,
MANGAOANG AND FLOIRENDO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT
NO. 1057

AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL COMMISSION OF
SENIOR CITIZENS, PROVIDING FOR ITS FUNCTIONS,
ABOLISHING THE NATIONAL COORDINATING
COUNCIL AND MONITORING BOARD, AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the
2 “National Commission of Senior Citizens Act”.

3 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to
4 adopt measures whereby our senior citizens are assisted and
5 appreciated by the community as a whole, provide services and
6 activities beneficial to senior citizens, their families and the
7 communities they serve, and establish community-based health and
8 rehabilitation, educational, and socioeconomic programs for all
9 senior citizens.

10 Consistent with this policy, the State shall promote the
11 advocacy of and collaboration between different stakeholders and
12 senior citizens to ensure the effective implementation of various
13 programs and services, particularly on the development of senior
14 citizens and advancing their health and well-being, and ensuring a
15 supportive and enabling environment for the elderly.

16 SEC. 3. *Creation of the National Commission of Senior*
17 *Citizens.* – There is hereby created the National Commission of

1 Senior Citizens, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, and
2 which shall be under the Office of the President. The Commission
3 shall establish its principal office in the National Capital Region
4 and it may set up field offices in coordination with appropriate
5 government agencies.

6 SEC. 4. *Composition.* - The Commission shall be composed
7 of a Chairperson and six (6) Commissioners and shall act as a
8 collegial body. The Chairperson shall be the Chief Executive Officer
9 of the Commission. The six (6) Commissioners shall represent
10 different geographical regions of the Philippines and shall hold
11 office in their respective regions: *Provided*, That the full
12 Commission shall meet at least once every month.

13 SEC. 5. *Term of Office.* - The Chairperson and
14 Commissioners shall have a term of office of six (6) years, without
15 prejudice to reappointment by the President. Of those
16 first appointed, the Chairperson and two (2) Commissioners shall
17 hold office for six (6) years, two (2) Commissioners shall hold office
18 for four (4) years, and two (2) Commissioners shall hold office for
19 two (2) years. Appointment to any vacancy shall only be for the
20 unexpired term of the predecessor.

21 SEC. 6. *Qualifications.* - The members of the Commission
22 must be citizens and residents of the Philippines; at least sixty (60)
23 years old at the time of their appointment; of good moral character;
24 *bona fide* members of senior citizens associations; holders of a
25 college degree or have relevant experience in the affairs of senior
26 citizens; of good health and sound mind; have not been convicted by
27 a final judgment of a crime involving moral turpitude; and

1 recommended by a general assembly of senior citizens
2 organizations: *Provided*, That at least two (2) Commissioners shall
3 be women.

4 SEC. 7. *Functions.* – The Commission shall:

5 (a) Ensure the full implementation of laws, policies, and
6 programs of the government pertaining to senior citizens; review
7 and conduct studies on the same; and recommend appropriate
8 actions thereon to Congress and the President;

9 (b) Formulate policies for the promotion and protection of the
10 rights and well-being of senior citizens;

11 (c) Conduct information, education, and communication
12 campaigns to raise awareness on the rights of senior citizens;

13 (d) Establish and maintain cooperation and consultations
14 with local government units and national government agencies on
15 all matters pertaining to the general welfare of senior citizens;

16 (e) Represent the Philippines in international functions,
17 fora, or conferences on senior citizens and establish and
18 maintain linkages with the international senior citizen or senior
19 citizen-serving institutions or organizations and counterpart
20 government agencies of other states;

21 (f) Constitute and convene when necessary, an advisory body
22 to be composed of such representatives from the government,
23 nongovernment organizations, civil society, and the private sector,
24 as the Commission may deem appropriate, to assist in the
25 performance of its functions;

1 (g) Develop appropriate mechanisms and procedures for the
2 selection and nomination of the members of the Commission for
3 appointment by the President; and

4 (h) Perform such other actions and functions for the
5 promotion of the welfare of senior citizens, as may be directed by the
6 President.

7 SEC. 8. *Organizational Structure.* – Subject to the approval
8 of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), the
9 Commission shall determine its organizational structure and
10 staffing pattern, create offices, divisions, or units as it may deem
11 necessary, and appoint its officers and employees in accordance with
12 civil service laws, rules and regulations. The remuneration
13 structure for the positions in the staffing pattern shall strictly
14 conform to Republic Act No. 6758, otherwise known as the
15 “Compensation and Position Classification Act of 1989”.

16 SEC. 9. *Executive Director.* – The Commission shall appoint
17 an Executive Director who shall be responsible for implementing
18 the policies, rules, regulations and directives of the Commission; the
19 management of the Commission’s daily operations; and for
20 coordinating and supervising the activities of the different offices,
21 divisions, and units of the Commission.

22 The Executive Director shall be a Career Executive Service
23 Officer and shall have at least five (5) years of relevant experience
24 in any of the following fields: law; economics; commerce;
25 management; social services; or finance.

26 SEC. 10. *Abolition of the National Coordinating and*
27 *Monitoring Board.* – The National Coordinating and Monitoring

1 Board created by virtue of Republic Act No. 9994, otherwise known
2 as the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010", is hereby abolished.

3 SEC. 11. *Transfer of Functions from the Department of Social*
4 *Welfare and Development (DSWD) to the National Commission of*
5 *Senior Citizens (NCSC).* – All functions, programs, projects and
6 activities which are being undertaken by the Department of
7 Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) for the formulation,
8 implementation, and coordination of social welfare and development
9 (SWD) policies and programs for the poor, vulnerable and
10 disadvantaged senior citizens shall be transferred to the National
11 Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC).

12 SEC. 12. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to fund
13 the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
14 General Appropriations Act.

15 SEC. 13. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The
16 Commission, after due consultation with the DBM, DSWD,
17 Department of the Interior and Local Government, League of Cities
18 of the Philippines, League of Municipalities of the Philippines, and
19 other stakeholders, shall promulgate the rules and regulations for
20 the effective implementation of this Act, within one hundred eighty
21 (180) days from its effectivity.

22 SEC. 14. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any
23 section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid,
24 the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

25 SEC. 15. *Repealing Clause.* – Section 11 of Republic Act
26 No. 7432, as amended by Republic Act No. 9257 and further
27 amended by Republic Act No. 9994, is hereby repealed. All laws,

1 decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances
2 or parts thereof, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act
3 are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

4 SEC. 16. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
5 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of
6 general circulation.

Approved,

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