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CUARESMA, NOLASCO, MACEDA, MIRASOL, VELARDE, ZAMORA (M.C.), LIMKAICHONG, RODRIGUEZ (M.), VARGAS-ALFONSO, GONZALES (A.P.), BAGATSING, PADUANO, ABAYON, CAMPOS, MATUGAS, LACSON, DURANO, LEACHON, AND MANGAOANG, 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
18 Senior Citizens, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, and
19 which shall be under the Office of the President. The Commission

1 shall establish its principal office in the National Capital Region
2 and it may set up field offices in coordination with appropriate
3 government agencies.

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

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

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

1 organizations: *Provided,* That at least two (2) Commissioners shall
2 be women.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (g) Develop appropriate mechanisms and procedures for the
26 selection and nomination of the members of the Commission for
27 appointment by the President; and

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

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

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

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

23 SEC. 10. *Abolition of the National Coordinating and*
24 *Monitoring Board.* – The National Coordinating and Monitoring
25 Board created by virtue of Republic Act No. 9994, otherwise known
26 as the “Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010”, is hereby abolished.

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

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

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

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

23 SEC. 15. *Repealing Clause.* – Section 11 of Republic Act
24 No. 7432, as amended by Republic Act No. 9257 and further
25 amended by Republic Act No. 9994, is hereby repealed. All laws,
26 decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances

1 or parts thereof, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act
2 are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,

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