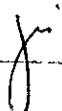


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Senate Resolution No. 953

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**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE,
WELFARE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ABOUT THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF,
AND COMPLIANCE WITH, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432,
AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACTS NOS. 9257 AND 9994,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT"**

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Health (DOH), among the 100 million population of the Philippines in 2012, 7% or 7 million are senior citizens, of which 1.3 million are indigents ("**Health and Wellbeing of Older Persons**", taken from the DOH website: <http://www.doh.gov.ph/content/health-and-well-being-older-persons.html> [accessed on 30 September 2014]);

WHEREAS, our country's primary legislation protecting and caring for our elderly or senior citizen Filipinos was Republic Act No. 7432, which was enacted in 1992;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7432 had undergone substantial amendments in 2004 and then in 2010, through Republic Acts Nos. 9257 and 9994, respectively, and since then has come to be known as the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act";

WHEREAS, based on the statutory development of our Expanded Senior Citizens Act, the consistent and crystal-clear legislative intention of Congress was to accentuate our exaltation of our dear Senior Citizens by expanding the

State's protection of them, e.g., by upgrading their benefits, and through reinforcement of the penal consequences for violations of the law, among others;

WHEREAS, under the law, the duties "to generate public awareness of the right and privileges of senior citizens and to ensure that the provisions of this Act are implemented to its fullest" lay with the municipal and city governments, through Offices of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) that are mandated to be established therein;

WHEREAS, the National Coordinating and Monitoring Board (NCMB) was created by Republic Act No. 9994 to act as the "inter-agency coordinating and monitoring mechanism at the national level", which, according to the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 9994, shall submit an accomplishment report to the President and to Congress, among others;

WHEREAS, based on the records of the Senate, the National Coordinating and Monitoring Board (NCMB) has yet to submit its report on the status of compliance with the Expanded Senior Citizens Act as well as other relevant and significant accomplishments benefiting our senior citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in solidarity with our dear "dual citizens" on the occasion of the 2014 Elderly Filipino Week (1-7 October 2014), that the Senate direct the Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, and call upon the National Coordination and Monitoring Board (NCMB) to report on the overall status of the implementation of the Expanded Senior Citizens Act, or Republic Act No. 7432, as amended by Republic Acts Nos. 9257 and 9994, and on the overall status of compliance by our city and municipal governments with the said laws, in order to ultimately ensure that the avowed objectives of such laws are truly achieved and the benefits actually felt by our senior citizens.

Adopted,


FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR.