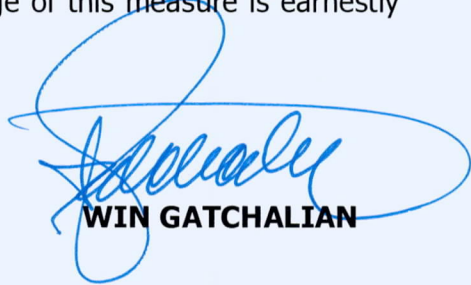


and has yet to make any significant progress in shepherding the transition of the functions of DSWD for senior citizens.”¹

In order to ensure that the welfare of poor, vulnerable, and disadvantaged senior citizens are adequately protected through the swift and efficient implementation of related laws and policies, there is a necessity to put the NCSC under the purview of the DSWD. Hence, on 18 September 2025, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. issued Executive Order No. 96, transferring the NCSC from the Office of the President to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to strengthen policies and programs for the elderly. EO No. 96 aims to establish a strong organizational link between the NCSC and the DSWD in order to enhance the delivery of social services, and promote the overall wellbeing and protection of the elderly.²

This measure aims to institutionalize EO No. 96, amending for this purpose RA No. 11350, by turning the NCSC into a policy-making body attached to the DSWD. This will allow for a more effective coordination between the DSWD and the NCSC while at the same time leveraging the strong organizational structure of the DSWD. Not only will this streamline the bureaucracy, it will also ensure that senior citizens are afforded the appropriate services and benefits provided under existing laws and regulations.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.



WIN GATCHALIAN

¹ *Tell it to SunStar: Senior Citizen Party-list calls for House probe on NCSC chairman*, SUNSTAR, at <https://www.sunstar.com.ph/cebu/opinion/tell-it-to-sunstar-senior-citizen-party-list-calls-for-house-probe-on-ncsc-chairman> (last visited Sep. 20, 2025).

² *Senior citizens agency now under DSWD, PCO*, at https://pco.gov.ph/news_releases/senior-citizens-agency-now-under-dswd/ (last visited Sep. 20, 2025).



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AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11350, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
"NATIONAL COMMISSION OF SENIOR CITIZENS ACT", AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 3 of Republic Act (RA) No. 11350, otherwise known
2 as the "National Commission of Senior Citizens Act", is hereby amended to read
3 as follows:

4 "Section 3. *Creation of the National Commission of Senior*
5 *Citizens.* – There is hereby created the National Commission of
6 Senior Citizens, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, and
7 which shall be [~~under the Office of the President~~] **ATTACHED**
8 **TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND**
9 **DEVELOPMENT (DSWD).** The Commission shall establish its
10 principal office in the National Capital Region and it may set up
11 field offices in coordination with appropriate government
12 agencies.

13 **THE COMMISSION SHALL BE THE POLICY-MAKING**
14 **BODY OF THE GOVERNMENT WHICH SHALL BE TASKED**
15 **TO COORDINATE, MONITOR, AND EVALUATE THE**
16 **PROGRAMS AND ACTION PLANS OF THE GOVERNMENT**

1 supervising the activities of the different offices, divisions, and
2 units of the Commission.

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4 **SEC. 4.** Section 11 of RA No. 11350 is hereby deleted and Sections 12
5 to 16 are hereby renumbered as Sections 11 to 15, respectively.

6 **SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.*** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
7 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, proclamation,
8 charter, rule or regulation and/or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with
9 the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

10 **SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.*** – If for any reason, any section or
11 provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other sections or
12 provisions which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and
13 effect.

14 **SEC. 7. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
15 following its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of
16 general circulation.

17 *Approved,*