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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MAMINTAL A.J. TAMANO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Special benefits and privileges should be given to our elder citizens to enhance their well-being throughout their remaining years. It cannot be denied that during the productive years of their lives our Filipino elders have contributed in the common effort to make this country a better place to live in, no matter how simple and quite.

Having been the direct recipients of our elder's productive years, it is but fitting that we take steps to extend them a more meaningful existence. We must afford them concessions most needed in their years of difficulty caused by sickness, limited mobility, low finances and such other handicaps.

With the present difficulties that the nation is encountering, most, if not all, of us have overlooked or given scant importance to these roots of our lives. But as the saying states " Ang taong hindi marunong lumingon sa pinanggalingan ay hindi makakarating sa paroroonan " it is but imperative upon us who are in a better position to render such recognition to do so in our own way.

This bill will extend to the elderly accommodation without further appropriations necessary to dignify their existence and strengthen their part in the society as they truly deserve.

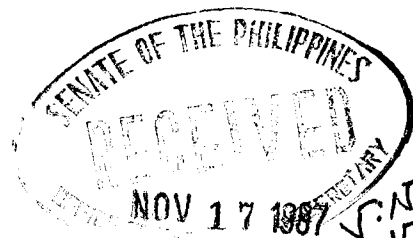
Considering the foregoing, early approval is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT

GRANTING DISCOUNT PRIVILEGES TO FILIPINO ELDERS AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

1 SECTION 1. For purposes of this Act, an elder
2 is a Filipino citizen, sixty-five (65) years of age
3 or over and a resident of the Philippines at the time
4 he avails himself of the privilege.

5 SECTION 2. Elderly are further classified as
6 follows:

7 a. One whose gross annual income is more than
8 Twenty-Four Thousand (P24,000.00) Pesos;
9 and

10 b. Indigent or whose gross annual income is less
11 than Twenty-Four Thousand (P24,000.00) Pesos
12 and those who are physically handicapped
13 whose mobility is limited.

14 SECTION 3. Discount Privileges shall be
15 granted to elderly by the following public utilities,
16 commercial and medical establishments, the Bureau of
17 Internal Revenue and other similar servicing agen-
18 cies or facilities:



- 1 a. Public conveyances or public utilities trans-
- 2 porting persons - 30% discount of the to-
- 3 tal travel fare of elders under par. a,
- 4 Section 2, and 40% discount of total tra-
- 5 vel fare of elders under par. b, Sec. 2;
- 6 b. Restaurants, eateries and other similar esta-
- 7 blishments - 30% discount of total cost of
- 8 meals of elders under par. a, Sec. 2, and
- 9 40% discount of the total cost of meals of
- 10 elders under par. b, Section 2;
- 11 c. Hotels, inns, pension houses, apartment units,
- 12 condominium houses, lodging houses or si-
- 13 milar establishments - 30% discount on rent-
- 14 als of elders under par. a, Section 2 and
- 15 40% discount on rentals of elders under par.
- 16 a, Section 2;
- 17 d. Movie houses, theaters, circus, stadiums,
- 18 exhibitions, auditoriums, museums and other
- 19 similar establishments - 30% discount on ad-
- 20 mission fees of elders under par. a, Sec. 2
- 21 and 50% discount on elders under par. b,
- 22 Section 2;
- 23 e. Hospitals, medical centers, clinics and other
- 24 similar institutions - 15% discount on
- 25 the total medical and professional fees of
- 26 elders under par. a, Section 2 and 30% dis-
- 27 count for elders under par. a, Section 2;
- 28 f. Drug stores, pharmacies and other similar es-
- 29 tablishments - For the total purchases of
- 30 medicines and supplementary vitamins es-



1 pecially analgesic and antipyretic medicines
 2 for common ailments such as colds, fever,
 3 headaches, sprains, inflammations, etc. -
 4 20% discount for elders under par. a, Sec.
 5 2 and 30% discount for elders under par. a,
 6 Sec. 2;

7 g. Thirty percent (30%) discount on electric and
 8 water bills;

9 h. Elders shall be exempt from the payment of
 10 withholding taxes, annual individual income
 11 taxes and real estate taxes; provided that
 12 in the case of real estate taxes, the total
 13 market value of the real estate property of
 14 an elder does not exceed Twenty-Four Thousand
 15 (P24,000.00) Pesos.

16 SECTION 4. Any person or persons, natural
 17 or juridical, operating any of the establishments
 18 mentioned herein-above who refuses to grant the privi-
 19 lege discounts herein enumerated shall be liable to
 20 pay a fine of not less than P200.00 but not more than
 21 P500.00 and the cancellation of their license or per-
 22 mit to operate.

23 SECTION 5. The Department of Social Services
 24 and Development, in coordination with the Departments
 25 of Finance and Health and other government agencies
 26 when necessary, is designated as the principal govern-
 27 ment agency to promulgate the pertinent rules and
 28 regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

29 SECTION 6. Should any provision of this Act
 30 be declared unconstitutional, the other provisions
 31 unaffected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

32 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon
 33 its approval.

APPROVED, _____.