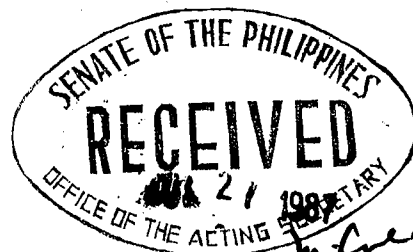


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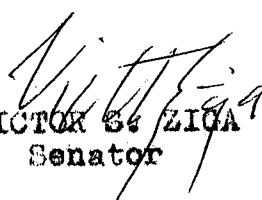
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our elder citizens deserve more recognition than what they are presently getting. This is specially true for those who have spent the best and most productive years of their lives in the service of their country and their fellow citizens. It cannot be denied that in their own way, no matter how quiet and small, they have contributed in the common effort to make this country a better place to live in. Now, in the waning years of their lives, they should be provided ample opportunity to experience the fruits of their labor for the remainder of their years. By so providing, we who have been beneficiaries of the toils of our elders, will only be showing our gratitude for their unselfish and dedicated service.

Perhaps because of the present difficulties we are facing, most, if not all of us, have overlooked or given scant importance to this large segment of our population. It's about time we acknowledge the efforts of our elder citizens. We who may be in a better position to render such recognition and gratitude should do so in our own way. Indeed, what better way can we have to uphold tradition of giving due respect for our elders.

Admittedly, our senior citizens in their present state could no longer sufficiently provide for their own livelihood and in most cases be dependent only on their meager pensions and infrequent doleouts from relatives. By extending to them these privileges, specially during these trying times, we would be giving better meaning to and more profound implementation of the social justice provision of our constitution.

For these considerations, early approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


VICTOR S. ZIGA
Senator

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AN ACT
GRANTING DISCOUNT PRIVILEGES TO SENIOR CITIZENS AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate in session assembled:

SECTION 1. The following establishments operating and doing business in the Philippines shall grant a privilege discount to any filipino citizen as follows:

- a. Transportation companies - 30% of the total travel fares charged for travelling anywhere in the Philippines;
- b. Restaurants and Eateries, beer joints, cocktail lounges and similar establishments - 30% of the total value of food and drinks orders;
- c. Hotels, Pension Houses, Lodging House and Inns - 30% of the value of room rent and meals;
- d. Moviehouses, theaters and similar places of entertainment - 30% of the total admission fee charges.

The privilege discount above enumerated shall apply only to the personal bill of the senior citizen.

SEC. 2. For purpose of this Act, a senior citizen shall refer to a filipino citizen actually residing in the Philippines and at least 60 years of age at the time he avails of the privilege.

SEC. 3. Any establishment covered by this Act that refuses to grant the privilege discount herein enumerated shall be liable to cancellation of its permit or license.

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SEC. 4. The Secretary of Social Services and Development is hereby authorized to enforce this Act and to promulgate the pertinent rules and regulations for its proper implementation.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,

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