

SENATE

S. No. 835

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INTRODUCED BY SENATORS ROMULO, TAMANO AND ZIGA

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AN ACT GRANTING DISCOUNT PRIVILEGES TO SENIOR CITIZENS 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, a senior citizen is one  
2 who is at least sixty (60) years old and whose annual gross  
3 income does not exceed the amount of twenty-four thousand  
4 pesos (P24,000).

5 SEC. 2. Any senior citizen who desires to avail of the bene-  
6 fits herein granted shall upon request of the establish-  
7 ment present a certification that he is registered with and duly  
8 certified as such by the Department of Social Welfare and  
9 Development or its designated local agencies.

10 SEC. 3. The following establishments operating and  
11 doing business in the Philippines shall grant a personal

1 privilege discount of twenty percent (20%) to any senior  
2 citizen as follows:

3 (a) Hospitals;

4 (b) Medical and dental clinics;

5 (c) Drug stores;

6 (d) Transportation companies (including airlines,  
7 shipping lines, and railways);

8 (e) Restaurants;

9 (f) Hotels and pension houses;

10 (g) Moviehouses and theaters.

11 SEC. 4. Any establishment covered by this Act which  
12 refuses to grant the personal privilege discount provided  
13 above shall be fined one thousand pesos (P1,000) for the first  
14 offense and two thousand pesos (P2,000) for the second of-  
15 fense. For the third offenders, the penalty of cancellation  
16 of license or permit to operate will be imposed.

17 SEC. 5. The Secretary of Social Welfare and De-  
18 velopment, jointly with the Department of Finance (Bureau  
19 of Internal Revenue), the Department of Health, and the  
20 Department of Transportation and Communications, shall  
21 be responsible for the promulgation of the necessary rules  
22 and regulations in accordance with the objectives and stan-  
23 dards embodied in the previous sections for the proper  
24 implementation of this Act.

25 SEC. 6. Any provision of law, presidential decrees,

1 rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby  
2 repealed.

3 SEC. 7. If any part of this Act is declared unconsti-  
4 tutional or invalid, no other part shall be affected thereby.

5 SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect thirty (30) days  
6 following its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of  
7 general circulation.

Approved,

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