

SENATE

Senate Bill No. 935

Introduced by Senators Romulo, Tamano and Ziga

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

1 SECTION 1. For purposes of this Act, an elderly is a
2 senior citizen who is at least sixty (60) years old and who
3 is exempted from the payment of income tax for the year
4 immediately preceding his availment of the benefits of this Act.

5 SECTION 2. Any senior citizen who desires to avail of the
6 benefits herein granted shall present a certification from the
7 Bureau of Internal Revenue of the locality where he resides, that
8 he is exempted from the payment of income tax.

9 SECTION 3. The following establishments operating and
10 doing business in the Philippines shall grant a personal privi-
11 lege discount of twenty percent (20%) to any senior citizen as
12 follows:

- 13 a. Hospitals and Clinics
14 b. Drug Stores
15 c. Transportation Companies (including airlines, shipping
16 lines and railways)
17 d. Restaurants and Eateries
18 e. Hotels and Pension Houses
19 f. Moviehouses and Theaters

20 SECTION 4. Any establishment covered by this Act which
21 refuses to grant the personal privilege discount provided above
22 shall be fined one thousand (P1,000.00) pesos for the first
offense and two thousand (P2,000.00) pesos for the second offense.



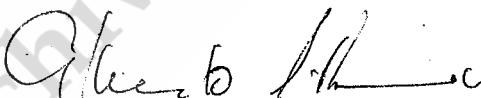
23 For the third offenders, the penalty of cancellation of license
24 or permit to operate will be imposed.


25 SECTION 5. The Secretary of Social Welfare and Development,
26 jointly with Department of Finance (Bureau of Internal Revenue),
27 Department of Health and Department of Transportation and
28 Communication shall be responsible for the promulgation and
29 enforcement of the necessary rules and regulations for the proper
30 implementation of this Act.

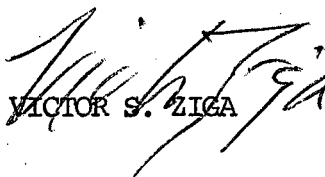
31 SECTION 6. Any provision of law, Presidential Decrees, rules
32 and regulations inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed.

33 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect thirty (30) days
34 following its complete publication in two newspapers of general
35 circulation.

Approved.


Sen. ALBERTO G. ROMULO


Sen. MAMINTAL A.J. TAMANO

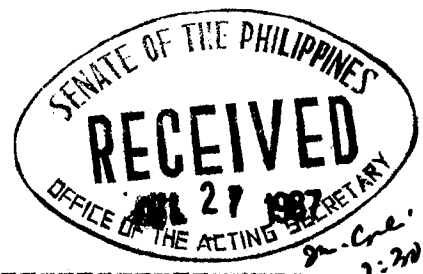

Sen. VICTOR S. ZIGA



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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SENATE BILL NO. 7



Introduced by Honorable Victor S. Ziga

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