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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## H. No. 10568

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## AN ACT

INCREASING THE DISCOUNT RATE AND EXEMPTING FROM THE VALUE ADDED TAX THE MONTHLY ELECTRIC AND WATER CONSUMPTION GRANTED TO SENIOR CITIZENS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010"

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

- SECTION 1. Section 4 (c) of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended, is hereby further
  amended to read as follows:
- "SEC. 4. Privileges for the Senior Citizens. The senior citizens shall be entitled
  to the following:
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(c) the grant of a minimum of [five percent (5%)] TEN PERCENT (10%) discount 1 relative to the monthly utilization of water and electricity supplied by the public 2 utilities AND EXEMPTION FROM THE VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT): Provided, 3 That the individual meters for the foregoing utilities are registered in the name of 4 the senior citizen residing therein: Provided, further, That the monthly 5 consumption does not exceed [one hundred kilowatt hours (100 kWh)] ONE 6 HUNDRED FIFTY KILOWATT HOURS (150 kWh) of electricity and thirty cubic 7 8 meters (30m<sup>3</sup>) of water: Provided, furthermore, That the privilege is granted per household regardless of the number of senior citizens residing therein, AND THE 9 REGISTERED SENIOR CITIZEN CONTINUES TO LIVE WITHIN THE 10 HOUSEHOLD ADDRESS: 11

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SEC. 2. Within thirty (30) days after the effectivity of this Act, the National Commission of Citizens shall, in consultation with the Energy Regulatory Commission, Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System and other concerned utility regulatory agencies, as well as national organizations of senior citizens, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions
 hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. All laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations, and other parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,