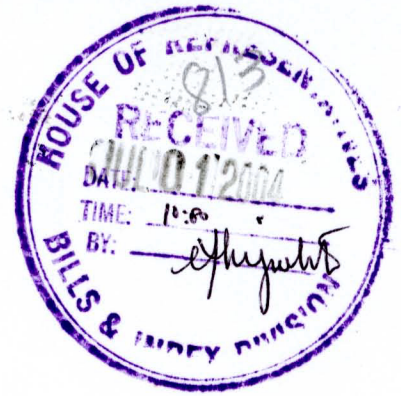


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

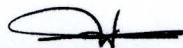
The bill proposes to grant senior citizens whose income is less than One Hundred Twenty Thousand Pesos (Php 120,000.00 per annum, twenty percent (20%) discount on their electricity, water and telephone bills, amending for the purpose Sections 2 and 4 of Republic Act No. 7432, otherwise known as the "Law maximizing the contribution of senior citizens to nation building, grant benefits and special privileges."

Senior Citizens are now in the twilight years of their lives and most of them, having retired from work, have no sufficient income to support their families, particularly at this time when prices of commodities have skyrocketed beyond the reach of minimum wage earners.

According to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), as of 1995, 5.45% of the total population are Senior Citizens whose income is less than One Hundred Twenty Thousand Pesos (Php 120,000.00) per annum, who are entitled to the privileges herein provided in the attached bill.

The amendment is being proposed in order to help provide our senior citizens basic needs and assist them to continue contributing to our growth as a nation.

In view of the foregoing, early passage of the bill is earnestly requested.


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GRANTING SENIOR CITIZENS WHOSE INCOME IS NOT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (Php 120,000.00) PER ANNUM TWENTY PERCENT (20%) DISCOUNT ON ELECTRICITY, WATER AND TELEPHONE BILLS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 2 AND 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, ENTITLED "AN ACT MAXIMIZING THE CONTRIBUTION OF SENIOR CITIZENS TO NATION BUILDING, GRANT BENEFITS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Paragraph 1 of Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7432 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. *Definition of Terms.*- As used in this Act, the term "senior citizen" shall mean any resident citizen of the Philippines at least sixty (60) years old, including those have retired from government offices and private enterprises, and has an income of not more than ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND (Php 120,000.00) Sixty Thousand (Php 60,000.00) pesos per annum subject to review by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) every three (3) years."

"SEC. 3. Subparagraph (a) of Section 4 of the same Act is hereby amended be entitled to the follows:

"SEC. 4. *Privileges of the Senior Citizen.*- The senior citizens shall be entitled to the following:

"a) The grant of Twenty Percent (20%) discount from all establishments relative to the utilization of ELECTRICITY, WATER, TELEPHONE, transportation services, hotels and similar lodging establishments, may claim the cost as tax credit."

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

Approved,