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HOUSE BILL NO. 1797



Introduced by HON. JUSTIN MARC SB. CHIPECO

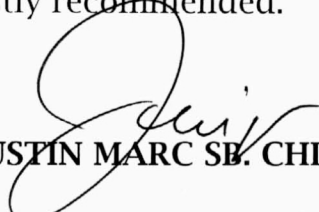
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Senior Citizens Act upon its passage in June 1992 became a very helpful privilege to our elderly. Of course it took sometime to draw up the most feasible mechanics to implement this Act. It took also sometime for our elderly to accept that the Senior Citizens Card does not diminish their integrity or make them any less a citizen of importance. In fact, this card is a privilege because the beneficiaries are able to enjoy essential goods, health and other services at affordable cost.

After six (6) years of the effectivity of this Act our economy has gone on several twist s and turns but still is continuously riding the tides of changes towards the sea of stability. And as the government provides safety nets to cushion the effects of the dynamism of change, the endeared sector of society should likewise be shielded and be assured of protection and continued support.

This bill seeks to increase the 20% discount available to Senior Citizens to 40%. By maximizing this privilege, our dear elderly will be able to enjoy the value of whatever economic or monetary resources they have saved to sustain while enjoying their retirement years. The cost of goods and services especially medicines have become prohibitive and beyond the purchasing power of the sector who mainly rely on their monthly retirement stipend. This situation is quite sad for our elderly who will not be able to afford the best options to make themselves feel better. This Bill hopes to lighten whatever economic reverses may cause on goods and services for our endeared sector.

The approval of this bill is most earnestly recommended.


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AN ACT
INCREASING PRIVILEGES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTION FOUR (4) OF REPUBLIC ACT 7432 OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS “AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE 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 in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section Four (4) of Republic Act No. 7432 otherwise known as “An Act To Maximize The Contribution of Senior Citizens To Nation Building, Grant Benefits and Special Privileges and For Other Purposes” is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 4. Privileges for the Senior Citizens. - The senior citizens shall be entitled to the following:

- a. the grant of [twenty percent (20%)] FORTY PERCENT (40%) discount from all establishments relative to the utilization of transportation services, hotels and similar lodging establishments, restaurants and recreation centers and purchase of medicine anywhere in the country: Provided, That private establishments may claim the cost of tax credit;
- b. a minimum of [twenty percent (20%)] FORTY PERCENT (40%) discount on admission fees charged by theaters, cinema houses and concert halls, circuses, carnivals and other similar places

of culture, leisure and amusement; PROVIDED,
THAT PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENTS MAY CLAIM
THE COST AS TAX CREDIT;

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Approved.