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Introduced by Senior Citizens Partylist Representative
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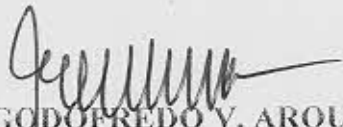
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution mandates that there shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children. Article XV, Section 4 further declares that it is the duty of the family to take care of its elderly members while the State may design programs of social security for them.

Consistent with these constitutional principles, this measure aims to recognize the rights of senior citizens to take their proper place in society, to give full support to the improvement of the total well-being of the elderly, and to motivate and encourage the senior citizens to contribute to nation building.

Toward these ends, in addition to other benefits already granted them by existing laws, this bill seeks to further grant senior citizens the privilege of a 20% discount on their payment of certain fees such as professional license fees and business permits, and court fees whenever they become parties in litigation in the protection of their interests.

With the foregoing reasons, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly urged.


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AN ACT
GRANTING DISCOUNT TO SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN
FEES IN ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND COURTS

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

SECTION 1. - *Grant of Discount on Certain Fees* - In addition to the privileges and benefits granted to senior citizens under Republic Act No. 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*', as amended by Republic Act No. 9257 and Republic Act No. 9994, senior citizens are hereby further entitled to the privilege of a twenty percent (20%) discount on their payment of the following fees:

- a) Professional license fees;
- b) Driver's license fees;
- c) Business license and permit fees;
- d) Real estate registration fees;
- e) Docket fees; and,
- f) Appeal fees.

SECTION 2. - *Implementing Rules and Regulations* - The Department of Social Welfare and Development jointly with the Department of Finance, the Department of Transportation and Communications, the Department of Interior and Local Government shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to carry out the objectives of this Act: *Provided*, that the Supreme Court shall promulgate the appropriate guidelines in the implementation of this Act in respect of the docket fees.

SECTION 3. - *Repealing Clause* - All provisions of laws, orders, and decrees, including rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. - *Effectivity Clause* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved