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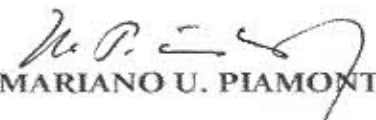
**Introduced by Hon. Mariano U. Piamonte Jr. and
Hon. Julieta R. Cortuna, Representatives, A TEACHER Party-list**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our constitution names education as one of the priorities in social progress and development. It is recognition therefore that quality education is necessary for development. Being at the core of the educational system, teacher's well being could not be neglected if the quality of education is to be improved.

One way of improving the well being of teachers is to grant them discounts on all goods and services to ease them of their economic burden caused by a meager income. The discount on goods and services granted by this Act will translate to an additional purchasing power for the teachers who have been long underpaid.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is hereby being earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING DISCOUNT FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS ON SELECTED GOODS AND SERVICES

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

1 **SECTION 1. Title.** This Act shall be known as the "Universal Discount Act for
2 School Teachers".

3 **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of
4 the Constitution giving education among others a priority to foster social progress and
5 nationalism, it shall be the policy of the State to improve the living standards of
6 teacher by way of reducing cost of living in order to enhance the quality of education
7 nationwide.

8 **SECTION 3. Discount Grant.** School teachers in pre-elementary, elementary,
9 secondary and higher education including those in the alternative learning system
10 shall be entitled to the following:

- 11 a) grant of ten percent (10%) discount from all establishments relative to
12 utilization of transportation services, hotels and similar lodging
13 establishment, restaurants and recreation centers and purchase of

1 instructional materials, medicines and other goods anywhere in the
2 country: Provided, That private establishments may claim the cost as tax
3 credit;

4 b) a minimum of ten percent (10%) discount on admission fees charged by
5 theaters, cinema houses and concert halls, circuses, carnivals and other
6 similar places of culture, leisure, and amusement;

7 c) free medical and dental services in government establishment anywhere in
8 the country, subject to the guidelines to be issued by the Department of
9 Health, Philhealth and the Government Service Insurance System;

10 d) ten percent (10%) discount on public utility fares, airline fares, train fares,
11 boat fares, car rent and other transport related fees;

12 e) Twenty percent (20%) discounts on books, school supplies and other
13 materials necessary to improve the teaching capability of the teacher.

14 **SECTION 4. *Mode of Availment.*** School teachers can avail of the discounts
15 provided under this Act by simply presenting their Identification Cards issued by the
16 Department of Education or Commission on Higher Education or the school where
17 they teach as the case may be upon payment of the goods or services that they
18 intend to be discounted.

19 **SECTION 5. *Penalty.*** Establishments, persons or juridical entities that will fail
20 to honor or refuse to grant the discount provided under this Act shall be meted the
21 penalty of cancellation of license to operate its business and the owner shall be fined
22 an amount not less than fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00). In case the offender is an
23 individual, he shall be meted a fine of not less than twenty five thousand pesos
24 (P25,000.00). In the case of a corporation, the President or Chief Executive Officer

1 shall be fined equivalent to an individual in addition to the corporations revocation of
2 license to operate business.

3 **SECTION 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** The Department of Trade
4 and Industry, the Bureau of Internal Revenue and other agencies that will be involved
5 in the implementation of this Act shall issue their corresponding rules and regulation
6 to implement the provisions of this Act.

7 **SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.*** All laws or parts of any law, orders, rules, and
8 regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or
9 amended accordingly.

10 **SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
11 after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
12 circulation.

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14 Approved,