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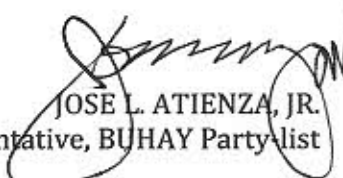
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Senior Citizens are still productive members of society, and we owe them a great deal from their years of hard work and dedication. They have devoted a great part of their productive years in the foundation of their families, and in the community.

It is with concern that we received feedback on how the current Republic Act No. 9994, otherwise known as the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010, is not being implemented properly because of confusion regarding some of its provisions.

Concerns such as establishments choosing only to recognize the ID of the Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) and no other government approved ID; establishments not giving the senior citizens the chance to choose between the promotional and discounted price which is mandated by the said law; and putting a cap on the usage of utilities to gain the five percent (5%) discount.

The bill attached seeks to amend the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010 to be more specific in its procedure and benefits for all senior citizens in the Philippines. For approval.


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AN ACT
FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
"EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010"

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

SECTION ONE. The third to the last paragraph of Section 4 of Republic Act 9994, otherwise known as the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010, be amended in full to read as follows.

"Sec. 4. Privileges of the Senior Citizens. -

"x x x

"x x x

"NOTWITHSTANDING THE GUIDELINES, POLICIES, RULES AND REGULATIONS ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OR INSTRUMENTALITIES IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, ALL PERSONS, ENTITIES, FIRMS, ESTABLISHMENTS, COMPANIES, OFFICES, AND FACILITIES COVERED BY THIS ACT AND ITS RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL, ASIDE FROM THE SENIOR

CITIZENS CARDS ISSUED BY THE OFFICE OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS AFFAIRS (OSCA), HONOR ANY GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS INDICATING A SENIOR CITIZEN OR ELDERLY'S BIRTHDATE OR AGE, SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO HIS OR HER PASSPORT, DRIVER'S LICENSE, VOTERS ID, SS/GSIS ID, PRC CARD, OR POSTAL ID, TO ESTABLISH THE ENTITLEMENT OF THE SENIOR CITIZEN TO THE BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES PROVIDED UNDER THIS ACT AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. IT IS FURTHER PROVIDED THAT THE OSCA ID AND SUCH GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDS SHALL BE HONORED NATIONWIDE."

SEC 2. That the second to the last paragraph of Section 4 of RA 9994 be amended to read:

"Section 4. Privileges of Senior Citizens.-

"X X X

"X X X

"In the purchase of goods and services which are on promotional discount, the senior citizen can avail of the promotional discount or the discount provided herein, whichever is higher. HOWEVER, GOODS AND SERVICES SHALL ONLY BE CONSIDERED AS ON PROMOTIONAL DISCOUNT IF THE SALES PROMOTION IS DULY APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI) AND THE DTI APPROVAL CONTROL NUMBER IS CONSPICUOUSLY DISPLAYED AND SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE ELDERLY WHEN DEMANDED. OTHERWISE, IF THE SALES PROMOTION IS A PERSONAL UNDERTAKING BY THE FIRM OR ESTABLISHMENT WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE DTI, WHATEVER SELLING PRICE IT OFFERS TO THE PUBLIC FOR SUCH ITEM, GOODS OR SERVICES BE THE BASIS OF THE DISCOUNT TO

WHICH THE SENIOR CITIZEN SHALL BE ENTITLED, INCLUDING THE VAT EXEMPTION WHEN APPLICABLE.”

Sec. 3. Section 4 (c) of RA 9994 be amended in full as follows:

“Section 4. PRIVILEGES FOR THE SENIOR CITIZENS.-

“X X X

“X X X

“(c) THE GRANT OF A MONTHLY FIVE PERCENT (5%) DISCOUNT TO THE FIRST ONE HUNDRED KILOWATT HOURS (100KWH) OF ELECTRICITY AND THE FIRST THIRTY CUBIC METERS (30M3) OF WATER SUPPLIED BY PUBLIC UTILITIES PROVIDED THE SAID UTILITIES ARE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SENIOR CITIZEN RESIDING THEREIN; PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE PRIVILEGE IS GRANTED PER HOUSEHOLD REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF SENIOR CITIZENS RESIDING THEREIN.”

SEC 2. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, rules, regulations, orders, circulars and memoranda inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed of modified accordingly.

SEC 3. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect immediately upon approval.

Approved.