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HOUSE BILL NO. **7476**

Introduced by Representative Luis A. Ferrer IV

EXPLANATORY NOTE

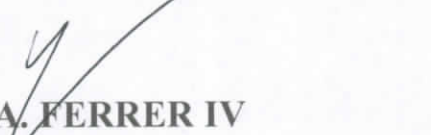
This bill seeks to grant free parking privilege to senior citizens and persons with disability, amending for the purpose Republic Act No. 7432, as amended, also known as the "*Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010*" and Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, also known as the "*Magna Carta for Persons with Disability*."

Republic Act No. 7432, as amended, and Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, were enacted in line with the policy of the State to provide social services to senior citizens and persons with disability and give priority to their needs. Under these laws, senior citizens and persons with disability are granted benefits and privileges such as 20% discounts on the sales of goods and services and other assistance that provide social services.

To provide additional support in promoting the welfare of senior citizens and persons with disabilities, some cities and municipalities have passed ordinances that exempt senior citizens and persons with disability from the payment of parking fees, but these ordinances are only applicable in their respective jurisdiction.

This measure aims to give additional benefit to senior citizens and persons with disability by granting free parking privilege in all business and government establishments, offices and other facilities that charge parking fees. Senior citizens and persons with disability have limited sources of income due to their age or disability. They have to cope with the rising standard of living and parking fees are added costs to their limited resources. This additional privilege is truly helpful to address their reduced earning capacity and is a recognition of their contribution to the community and society.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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AN ACT

GRANTING FREE PARKING PRIVILEGE TO ALL SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED, ALSO KNOWN AS THE “EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010” AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED, ALSO KNOWN AS THE “MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY”

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

SECTION. 1. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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

“(a) xxx

xxx

“(k) provision of express lanes for senior citizens in all commercial and government establishments; in the absence thereof, priority shall be given to them; ~~[and]~~

“(l) death benefit assistance of a minimum of Two thousand pesos (P2,000.00) shall be given to the nearest surviving relative of a deceased senior citizen which amount shall be subject to adjustments due to inflation in accordance with the guidelines to be issued by the DSWD[.]; **AND**

1 “(M) FREE PARKING IN ALL BUSINESS AND
2 GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHMENTS, OFFICES AND
3 FACILITIES THAT CHARGE PARKING FEES.”

4 SEC. 2. Section 32 of Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, is hereby
5 further amended to read as follows:

6 “SEC. 32. Persons with disability shall be entitled to:

7 “(a) xxx

8 xxx

9 “(d) To the extent possible, the government may grant
10 special discounts in special programs for PWD on purchase of basic
11 commodities, subject to the guidelines to be issued for the purpose
12 by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Department
13 of Agriculture (DA); **[and]**

14 “(e) Provision of express lanes for PWD in all commercial
15 and government establishments; in the absence thereof, priority
16 shall be given to them[.]; **AND**

17 “(F) FREE PARKING IN ALL BUSINESS AND
18 GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHMENTS, OFFICES AND
19 FACILITIES THAT CHARGE PARKING FEES.”

20 SEC. 3. *Effectivity*. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
21 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

22 Approved,