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House Bill No. 8238



Introduced by Representatives **John Marvin "Yul Servo" Nieto, Edward Vera Perez Maceda, Eric M. Martinez, Federico II "Ricky" S. Sandoval, Dale "Along" R. Malapitan, Eric Olivarez, and Emi Calixto-Rubiano**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

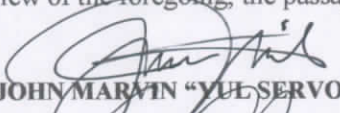
As a manifestation of support to this timely piece of legislation, this representation respectfully refiles this bill, which has constantly been receiving support from the past and present (Rep. Datol's HB07822) congress.

As provided in the Philippine Constitution, it is the declared policy of the State to promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life.

Republic Act No. 9994, otherwise known as the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010", has undeniably provided landmark policies that are geared towards the betterment of the welfare of our dear senior citizens. However, the changing economical landscape and the ever growing needs of the people have become a source of need to further expand the coverage of RA 9994. A good example of such is the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Law. While it is conceded that the benefits that will eventually come in to fruition because of the TRAIN law (e.g. infrastructures programs, thoroughfare development, and new transit systems, to name a few) are highly beneficial to the Filipino masses, it should also be acknowledged that the impact of the TRAIN law to everyday necessities (e.g. food, clothing, and petroleum, to name a few) has greatly affected the Filipino's purchasing power – especially the purchasing power of our dear senior citizens.

In line with this, the proposed piece of legislation aims to give certain classes of senior citizens graduated discount which will amend specifically Section 4 of RA 9994 on the grant of 20% senior citizen's discount. It is high time that we introduce positive and proactive measures with regards to our senior citizens as to ensure their welfare and wellbeing.

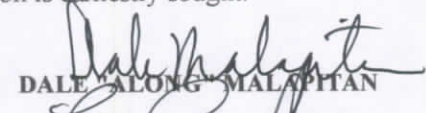
In view of the foregoing, the passage of this piece of legislation is earnestly sought.


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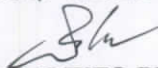

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AN ACT TO AMEND REPUBLIC ACT 9994 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSE

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

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9994 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 4 Section 4 of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended by Republic Act No. 9257, otherwise known as the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2003", 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) the grant of twenty percent (20%) discount **FOR THOSE WHO ARE 60 YEARS OLD BUT NOT MORE THAN 70 YEARS OLD; THIRTY PERCENT (30%) DISCOUNT FOR THOSE WHO ARE 70 YEARS OLD BUT NOT MORE THAN 80 YEARS OLD; FORTY PERCENT (40%) DISCOUNT FOR THOSE WHO ARE 80 YEARS OLD BUT NOT MORE THAN 90 YEARS OLD; AND FIFTY PERCENT (50%) DISCOUNT FOR THOSE WHO ARE 90 YEARS OLD OR OVER;** and exemption from the value-added tax (VAT), if applicable, on the sale of the following goods and services from all establishments, for the exclusive use and enjoyment or availment of the senior citizen."

SEC. 2. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances or regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act hereby revised or amended accordingly.

SEC. 3. Separability Clause - If any part of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid such parts or provisions thereof not so declared shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC. 4. Effectivity Clause - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) Newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,