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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Public transportation is the transport of passengers by group travel systems available for use by the general public, typically managed on a schedule, operated on established routes and that charge a posted fee for each trip. Its obligation to its passengers is to bring them to their destination safely free from injuries or casualties arising from the contract of carriage. As good as it sounds, the reality is that the senior citizen of our country is in disadvantage with regard to the struggle of riding a public utility vehicle or public mode of transportation.

The purpose of this bill is to provide priority seating for the senior citizen elderly on public utility jeepney's buses, train system, and commercial sea and air transport. The bill will aid and give the senior citizen legislative protection and comfort while using public transport.

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

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**AN ACT REQUIRING LAND, AIR, AND SEA TRANSPORT PROVIDERS TO
PROVIDE PRIORITY SEATING FOR THE ELDERLY, FURTHER AMENDING FOR
THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432. AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO.
9257 AND 9994. OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZEN'S ACT
OF 2010**

*Be enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines, in Congress
assemble:*

SECTION 1. Short Title - This Act shall be known as the "Priority Seating for the Elderly
Act".

SECTION 2. Amendatory Provision - For the purposes of this Act, the following provisions
of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended by Republic Act No. 9257 and 9994. Otherwise known as
the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010 is hereby further amended to read as follows.

Section 5. Paragraph (f) of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended," is hereby further amended
to read as follows:

'SEC. 5. Government Assistance - "(F) PRIORITY SEATING FOR THE
ELDERLY ALL PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES (PUV), PUBLIC UTILITY BUSES
(PUBS). RAIL TRANSPORT PROVIDERS, AND AIR AND SEA TRANSPORT
PROVIDERS, SHALL RESERVE AND DESIGNATE THE BEST POSSIBLE SEATS
FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION (DOTR), IN COORDINATION WITH THE LAND
TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD (LTFRB). THE
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY (MARINA), THE CIVIL AVIATION
AUTHORITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (CAAP). AND THREE (3) REPRESENTATIVES
FROM REPUTABLE AND CONCERNED CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS, AS
DETERMINED BY THE DOTR.

THE PRIORITY SEATS SHALL BE CLEARLY LABELLED TO INDICATE
THAT PASSENGERS MAY USE THEM BUT MUST VACATE THEM IF THEY ARE
NEEDED BY AN ELDERLY PASSENGER PROVIDED, THAT PASSENGERS WHO
ARE PREGNANT OR DISABLED SHALL BE EXEMPTED FROM THIS PROVISION
COMMERCIAL AIR AND SEA TRANSPORT PROVIDERS SHALL ENSURE THAT
PRIORITY SEATS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO ELDERLY PASSENGERS DURING
THE RESERVATION OF SEATS. ELDERLY PASSENGERS MAY NOT BE

TRANSFERRED TO OTHER SEATS OR BUMPED OFF WITHOUT AT LEAST ONE
(1) WEEK OF PRIOR NOTICE AND WITHOUT REASON

[The Department of Transportation (DOTr) shall develop a program to assist senior citizens to fully gain access to public transport facilities]

Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

SEC. 10. Penalties - ANY PUV OR PUB OPERATOR WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH SECTION OF THIS ACT SHALL, UPON CONVICTION, BE IMPRISONED FOR TWO (2) MONTHS TO ONE (1) YEAR OR PAY A FINE OF ONE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 1,000) TO FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 5,000). WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE COMPOSITION OF ADMINSTRATIVE SANCTIONS SUCH AS SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THEIR FRANCHISE: ANY RAIL TRANSPORT OPERATOR WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH SECTION (F) THIS ACT SHALL, UPON CONVICTION, BE IMPRISONED FOR FIVE (5) MONTHS TO TWO (2) YEARS OR PAY A FINE OF THIRTY THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 30,000) TO FORTY THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 50,000): ANY COMMERCIAL AIR OR SEA TRANSPORT PROVIDER WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 5(F) THIS ACT SHALL, UPON CONVICTION, BE IMPRISONED FOR FIVE (5) TO TEN (10) YEARS OR PAY A FINE OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 100,000) TO FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 500,000).

SECTION 3. Appropriations - Such funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in annual General Appropriations Act

SECTION 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. — The DOTT, in coordination with the LTFRB, MARINA, CAAP, and three (3) representatives from reputable and concerned civil society organizations, as determined by the DOTT, shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations of this Act within fifteen (15) days from its effectivity

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations rules and regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

