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EXPLANATORY NOTE

No less than the 1987 Philippine Constitution demands that Congress give highest priority to the enactment of measures that protect and enhance the welfare of all people. Thus, it is the declared policy of the state to consider disabled individuals as part of Philippine society which are entitled to full support from the government. It is the mandate of the State to adopt policies which will ensure the rehabilitation, self-development and self-reliance of disabled persons.

The results of 2010 Census Population and Housing show that of the household population of 92.1 million, 1,443 million Filipinos or 1.57% have a disability. Presently, there are not enough laws that provide financial and health support to Persons with Disabilities.

Acting on this, this representation is filing this bill which seeks to grant Persons With Disabilities additional benefits in the form of a monthly stipend of Five Hundred Pesos (Php 500.00). This monthly stipend is a substantial financial support to persons with disability as this will be distributed on a semestral basis. Moreover, this will augment their daily subsistence as this will serve as an additional allowance for their needs.

Based on the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO PERSONS WITH
DISABILITY, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 7277, AS
AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 9442**

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 8, Section 32 of Republic Act 7277 or the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, as amended by Republic Act 9442, is further amended to add the following provisions:

“CHAPTER 8. Other Privileges and Incentives

SEC. 32. Persons with disability shall be entitled to the following:

- (a) At least twenty percent (20%) discount from all establishments relative to the utilization of all services in hotels and similar lodging establishments; restaurants and recreation centers for the exclusive use or enjoyment of persons with disability;
- (b) A minimum of twenty percent (20%) discount on admission fees charged by theaters, cinema houses, concert halls, circuses, carnivals and other similar places of culture, leisure and amusement for the exclusive use or enjoyment of persons with disability;
- (c) At least twenty percent (20%) discount for the purchase of medicines in all drugstores for the exclusive use or enjoyment of persons with disability;
- (d) At least twenty percent (20%) discount on medical and dental services including diagnostic and laboratory fees such as, but not limited to, x-rays, computerized tomography scans and blood tests, in all government facilities, subject to guidelines to be

issued by the Department of Health (DOH), in coordination with the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHILHEALTH);

- (e) At least twenty percent (20%) discount on medical and dental services including diagnostic and laboratory fees, and professional fees of attending doctors in all private hospitals and medical facilities, in accordance with the rules and regulations to be issued by the DOH, in coordination with the PHILHEALTH;
 - (f) At least twenty percent (20%) discount on fare for domestic air and sea travel for the exclusive use or enjoyment of persons with disability;
 - (g) At least twenty percent (20%) discount in public railways, skyways and bus fare for the exclusive use and enjoyment of person with disability;
 - (h) Educational assistance to persons with disability, for them to pursue primary, secondary, tertiary, post tertiary, as well as vocational or technical education, in both public and private schools, through the provision of scholarships, grants, financial aids, subsidies and other incentives to qualified persons with disability, including support for books, learning material, and uniform allowance to the extent feasible: Provided, That persons with disability shall meet minimum admission requirements;
 - (i) To the extent practicable and feasible, the continuance of the same benefits and privileges given by the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), Social Security System (SSS), and PAG-IBIG, as the case may be, as are enjoyed by those in actual service;
 - (j) To the extent possible, the government may grant special discounts in special programs for persons with disability on purchase of basic commodities, subject to guidelines to be issued for the purpose by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Department of Agricultural (DA); and
 - (k) Provision of express lanes for persons with disability in all commercial and government establishments; in the absence thereof, priority shall be given to them.
- (l) ENTITLEMENT TO A MONTHLY STIPEND AMOUNTING TO FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (PHP 500.00) TO AUGMENT THE DAILY SUBSISTENCE AND OTHER MEDICAL NEEDS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY , SUBJET TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, AND SUBJECT FURTHER TO A REVIEW OF EVERY TWO (2) YEARS BY CONGRESS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE OF DISABLED PERSONS (NCWDP) AND OTHER CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES;**

(m)MANDATORY COVERAGE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM OF PHILHEALTH. FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE COVERAGE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY NOT COVERED BY ANY EXISTING CATEGORY FROM THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE FUND OF PHILHEALTH FROM PROCEEDS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10351, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PERTINENT LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

The above mentioned privileges are available only to persons with disability who are Filipino citizens upon submission of any of the following as proof of his/her entitlement thereto:

- (I) An identification card issued by the city or municipal mayor or the barangay captain of the place where the persons with disability resides;
- (II) The passport of the persons with disability concerned; or
- (III) Transportation discount fare Identification Card (ID) issued by the National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP).

The privileges may not be claimed if the persons with disability claims a higher discount sa may be granted by the commercial establishment and/or under other existing laws or in combination with other discount programs/s.

The establishments may claim the discounts granted in sub-sections (a), (b), (c), (f) and (g) as tax deductions based on the net cost of the goods sold or services rendered: Provided, further, That the total amount of the claimed tax deduction net of value-added tax if applicable, shall be included in their gross sales receipts for tax purposes and shall be subject to proper documentation and to the provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC), as amended.”

Section 2. The National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons, Department of Health, Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Department of Budget and Management, in consultation and concerned Senate and House committees and other agencies, organizations and establishments, shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations pertinent to the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 3. All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations or any part thereof inconsistent herewith are deemed repealed or modified accordingly;

SECTION 4. If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional and invalid, such declaration shall not invalidate the other parts hereof which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.