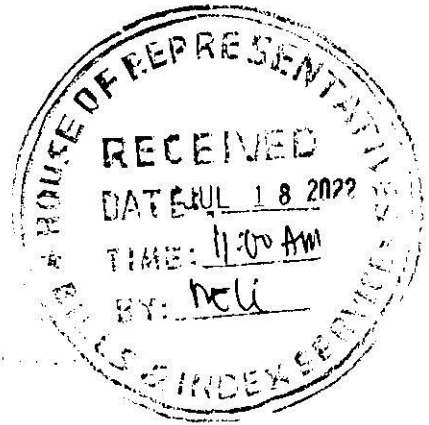


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The existing discounts provided by our government to senior citizens on their electricity and water consumption is clearly not enough due to rising costs of living for our economically vulnerable senior citizens. Currently, senior citizens face increased costs in their medical needs, as well as their daily expenses, due to the limitations and burdens brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. Furthermore, this comes at a time where economic and livelihood opportunities have also become severely limited. Thus, it becomes important for us to lighten the load of our senior citizens by extending them additional privileges such as increasing their discounts to their monthly electricity and water consumption and making these transactions VAT-exempt.

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


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AN ACT

INCREASING THE DISCOUNT RATE AND EXEMPTING FROM THE VALUE ADDED TAX THE MONTHLY ELECTRIC AND WATER CONSUMPTION GRANTED TO SENIOR CITIZENS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010"

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

SECTION 1. Section 4 (c) 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:

x x x

(c) the grant of a minimum of [five percent (5%)] **TEN PERCENT (10%)** discount relative to the monthly utilization of water and electricity supplied by the public utilities **AND EXEMPTION FROM THE VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT):** *Provided,* That the individual meters for the foregoing utilities are registered in the name of the senior citizen residing therein: *Provided, further,* That the monthly consumption does not exceed [one hundred kilowatt hours (100 kWh)] **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY KILOWATT HOURS (150 kWh)** of electricity and thirty cubic meters (30m³) of water: *Provided, furthermore,* That the privilege is granted per household regardless of the number of senior citizens residing therein, **AND THE REGISTERED SENIOR CITIZEN CONTINUES TO LIVE WITHIN THE HOUSEHOLD ADDRESS;**

SEC. 2. Within thirty (30) days after the effectivity of this Act, the National Commission of Senior Citizens shall, in consultation with the Energy Regulatory Commission, Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System and other concerned utility regulatory agencies, as well as national organizations of senior citizens, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. All laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations, and other parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,