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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5409

Introduced by HON. GUS S. TAMBUNTING



AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO SENIOR CITIZENS, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE THE CONTRIBUTION OF SENIOR CITIZENS TO NATION BUILDING, GRANT BENEFITS, AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

Art. XIII, Sec. 11 of the 1987 Constitution states that "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be a priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers."

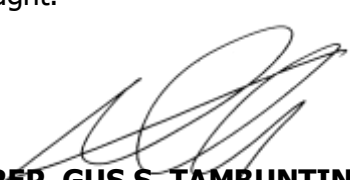
Art. XV, Sec. 4 of the 1987 Constitution provides that "The family has the duty to care for its elderly members but the State may also do so through just programs of social security."

The undersigned has come across this online article by BusinessMirror¹ which states that election lawyer and elderly rights advocate Atty. Romulo Macalintal asked to refile and finally pass a bill granting Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID) discounts to elderly citizens.

This bill aims to defray the expenses of our senior citizens, most of whom rely only on their pensions since a lot of them are retired already.

This discount will greatly help our senior citizens in reducing their huge expenses brought about by the inflation that our country is experiencing right now.

On behalf of the people of Parañaque City's Second District, and for the common good of the Filipino people, the approval of the said measure is earnestly sought.


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¹ <https://businessmirror.com.ph/2022/09/29/bill-restoring-elderly-toll-discounts-pitched/>

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

SECTION 1. Section 4(a)(5) of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended by Republic Act No. 9994, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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

Xxxx

a) Xxx xxx

5) in actual fare for land transportation travel in public utility buses (PUBs), public utility jeepneys (PUJs), taxis, Asian utility vehicles (AUVs), shuttle services, **SKYWAYS, AND EXPRESSWAYS WHOSE TOLL FEES ARE PAID THROUGH THE RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION DEVICES (RFID) OR SIMILAR SYSTEMS** and public railways,

including Light Rail Transit (LRT), Mass Rail Transit (MRT), and Philippine National Railways (PNR)

IN THE AVAILMENT OF THIS PRIVILEGE, THE VEHICLE MUST BE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SENIOR CITIZEN. THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOTr), LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (LRTA), PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RAILWAYS (PNR), TOLL REGULATORY BOARD (TRB), AND LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD (LTFRB) SHALL ISSUE CORRESPONDING CIRCULARS OR DIRECTIVES TO THE PUBLIC LAND TRANSPORT SECTOR FOR THE COMPLIANCE HEREWITH, AS WELL AS REQUIREMENTS TO THESE OPERATORS DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON THE BENEFITS OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS BY POSTERS, HANDBILLS OR PAMPHLETS ON BOARD THEIR VEHICLES

SEC. 2. Separability Clause. —If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 3. Repealing Clause. — Any law, presidential decree, issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, rule, or regulation inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. Effectivity Clause. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,