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House Bill No. 6446



Introduced by **1-RIDER Party-list Representative Hon. Ramon Rodrigo**
“Rodge” L. Gutierrez

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure seeks to bridge the gap in Republic Act No. 11314 or the “Student Fare Discount Act” by including the application of the student fare discount in online transactions as well as providing penalties for the establishments (i.e. online payment channel, loading stations) for non-compliance of the same.

The pandemic showed the shift in more online transactions due to safety protocols mandated by the State (i.e. lockdowns and social distancing) and while said protocols are easing, the convenience of online transactions cannot be denied, especially when it comes to the payment of bills. Individuals no longer have to stand in line to pay via over-the counter as they can opt to stay at home and utilize various online payment channels available to settle their bills, and this includes the purchase of tickets or reloading of transportation cards.

The express inclusion of student fares acquired through online transactions being subjected to the same discount as the presentation of the proper student identification on-site would ensure that the State fulfills its mandate to promote the right of all citizens to quality education and establish a system of subsidies and other incentives for the same, by making sure that the student fare discount privilege would be available through all channels wherein transportation tickets or cards could be obtained.

Thus, the passage of this bill is highly recommended.

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¹ A similar measure was filed as House Bill No. 1142 by Hon. Faustino ‘Inno’ A. Dy V during the 19th Congress



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AN ACT
GRANTING STUDENT FARE DISCOUNT ON TRANSPORTATION
TICKETS PURCHASED ONLINE, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11314, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE STUDENT FARE DISCOUNT ACT"

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

SECTION 1. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 11314 or the "Student Fare Discount Act" is amended as follows:

"Section 5. ***Student Fare Discount Privilege.*** - A student under this Act shall be entitled to a grant of twenty percent (20%) discount on domestic regular fares, upon personal **OR DIGITAL** presentation **AS THE CASE MAY BE**, of their duly issued school identification card (IDs) or current validated enrollment form supported by the prescribed government-issued identification document, subject to an appropriate verification mechanism to be provided in the implementing rules and regulations (IRR): *Provided*, That in the case of air public transportation utilities, the discount shall only apply to the base fare or the price of the ticket before taxes and costs for ancillary services."

SECTION 2. Section 9 of Republic Act No. 11314 or the "Student Fare Discount Act" is amended as follows:

"Section 9. ***Filing of Complaints.*** - A student who is refused the fare discount privilege under this Act may file a complaint with:

- a) The LTFRB for land transportation utilities, except tricycles;
- b) The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) for sea/water public transportation utilities;
- c) The Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) for air public transportation utilities;
- d) The Legal Service of the Department of Transportation (DOTr) for

rail public transportation facilities, including the Manila Light Railway Transit System, the Metro Manila Rail Transit System and the Philippine National Railway System;

e) The Office of the Local Chief Executive of the local government unit concerned for tricycles;

F) THE BANKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS (BSP) FOR ONLINE PAYMENT CHANNELS OR DIGITAL PAYMENTS;

SECTION 3. The Amended Implementing Rules and Regulations shall be promulgated within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, taking into consideration the government central identification platform and coordination amongst the concerned agencies stated in Section 2 as well as in consultation with the Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Finance, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Department of Education, Commission on Higher Education, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, Philippine Statistics Authority, other concerned government agencies, public transportation utility operators and stakeholders.

SECTION 4. All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,

