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HOUSE BILL NO. 8516

Introduced by HON. GUS S. TAMBUNTING

AN ACT GRANTING TEN PERCENT (10%) DISCOUNT RATE AND EXEMPTING FROM THE VALUE ADDED TAX THE MONTHLY ELECTRIC CONSUMPTION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED BY R.A. NO. 10754, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “MAGNA CARTA FOR DISABLED PERSONS”

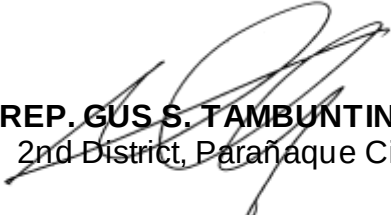
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 7277, as modified, often known as the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, was designed to ensure that individuals with disabilities have the same rights and advantages as everyone else in society.

The bill proposes to change the legislation to provide a ten percent (10%) reduction and exemption from the value-added tax (VAT) on monthly electric usage for people with impairments.

Under Republic Act No. 9136, as amended, low-income households are already entitled to lower rates. This ongoing aid and support allow them to have access to power, which enhances their overall quality of life. Extending the same advantage to our PWDs demonstrates our unwavering commitment to their assistance and the full enjoyment of all their rights.

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

SEC 1. A new sub-section, to be designated as Section 32 (b), is hereby inserted under Republic Act No. 7277, as amended by R.A. No. 10754, otherwise known as the “Magna Carta for Persons with Disability to read as follows:

“SEC. 32. Persons with disability shall be entitled to:

x x x

b. THE GRANT OF A MINIMUM OF TEN PERCENT (10%) DISCOUNT RELATIVE TO THE MONTHLY UTILIZATION OF 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 PWD RESIDING THEREIN: ALTERNATIVELY, THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE HOUSEHOLD MAY PRESENT

PROOF THAT ONE OF THE PERMANENT RESIDENTS CURRENTLY LIVING THEREIN ARE PWD: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE MONTHLY CONSUMPTION DOES NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED KILOWATT HOURS (100 KWH) OF ELECTRICITY: PROVIDED, FURTHERMORE, THAT THE PRIVILEGE IS GRANTED PER HOUSEHOLD REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF PWD RESIDING THEREIN, AND THE REGISTERED PWD CONTINUES TO LIVE WITHIN THE HOUSEHOLD ADDRESS.

c. Educational assistance to PWD, 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 PWD, including support for books, learning materials, and uniform allowance to the extent feasible: Provided, That PWD shall meet the minimum admission requirements;

x x x”

SEC. 2. Within thirty (30) days after the effectivity of this Act, the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) shall, in consultation with the

Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) and other concerned utility regulatory agencies promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. Separability Clause. 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. Repealing Clause. 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. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,