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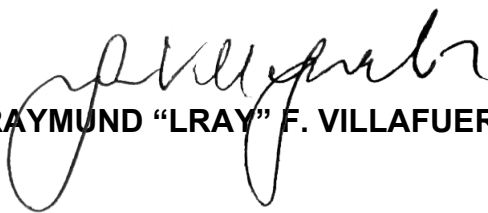
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The law allows a PWD transportation discount only on public transportation. The notion that private vehicle ownership is exclusive for the rich and privileged seems already outdated. PWDs resort to private cars because our public transportation still has a long way to go for being PWD ready. Considering threats such as the COVID-19 pandemic, more and more PWDs resort to private vehicles for their own safety and security.

This proposed legislation intends to grant a 20% discount to Persons with Disability (PWDs) on toll fees paid through radio frequency identification devices (RFID) or similar systems, provided that the vehicle that has the installed RFID is registered under their name. The additional savings from the discount may then be spent on other items needed by the PWDs.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITY, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 32(A)(7) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED BY RA 10754, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REHABILITATION, SELF-DEVELOPMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE OF DISABLED PERSON AND THEIR INTEGRATION INTO THE MAINSTREAM OF SOCIETY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

SECTION 1. Section 32(a) (7) of Republic Act No. 7277, as amended by RA 10754, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 32. Persons with disability shall be entitled to:

“(a) xxxx xxx xxxx

“(7) On actual fare for land transportation travel such as, but not limited to, public utility buses or jeepneys (PUBs/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), Metro Rail Transit (MRT) and Philippine National Railways (PNR).

IN THE AVAILMENT OF THIS PRIVILEGE, THE VEHICLE MUST BE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE PWD. THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (DOTC), 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 IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE RULES TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE HEREWITH, AS WELL AS REQUIREMENTS TO THESE OPERATORS TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON THE BENEFITS OF THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITY BY POSTERS, HANDBILLS OR PAMPHLETS ON BOARD THEIR VEHICLES; and”

Sec. 2. *Separability Clause.* – If any part of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid such parts or provisions thereof not so declared shall remain valid and subsisting.

Sec. 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances or regulations inconsistent with the provisions, of this Act shall hereby revised or amend accordingly.

Sec. 4. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,