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SENIOR CITIZENS ACT”**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 9994, otherwise known as the “Expanded Senior Citizens Act” was enacted to increase the benefits and privileges of senior citizens. This enactment has since been very beneficial to the elderly sector of our society.

This bill seeks to further strengthen R.A. 9994 and afford our elderly yet another privilege that they rightfully deserve. It requires establishments to reserve and designate seats, and tables (if applicable), for senior citizens. Furthermore, it provides penalties for the violations thereof.

In recognition of the invaluable contributions of the elderly in nation-building, it is only right and just to provide privileges for them.

Hence, the early approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

Section 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “Priority Seating for the Elderly Act of 2023”.

Section 2. A new section is inserted after Sec. 5 of R.A. No. 9994, otherwise known as the “Expanded Senior Citizens Act” to read as follows:

“Sec. 6. Priority Seating for the Elderly. – All establishments, including, but not limited to, restaurants, libraries, recreational centers, venue halls, shall

reserve and designate the best possible seats, and tables (if applicable), for senior citizens.

The priority seat, and table (if applicable), shall be clearly labeled to indicate that other customers/clients may use them but must vacate them if they are needed by an elderly: *Provided*, that customers/clients who are pregnant or persons with disabilities shall be exempted from this provision.”

Section 3. A new paragraph is inserted in Sec. 7 of R.A. 9994 to read as follows:

“Sec. 10. *Penalties.* – Any person who refuses to honor the senior citizen card issued by this government or violates any provision of this Act shall suffer the following penalties:

(a) x x x

(b) x x x

(c) x x x

Any establishment which fails to comply with Sec. 6 of this act, shall upon conviction, pay a fine of FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00) to ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00).”

Section 4. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid and unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 6. *Effectivity.* – The Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,