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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our senior citizens are considered as living treasures, as they represent and symbolize the history as well as the traditions of our country.

Republic Act No. 9994, otherwise known as the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010" mandates that a twenty percent (20%) discount and exemption from the value added tax (VAT), if applicable, on goods and services from all establishments, are given to senior citizens.

However, RA 994 further stipulates that,: "In the purchase of goods and services which are on promotional discount, the senior citizen can avail of the promotional discount or the discount provided herein, whichever is higher."

This may appear to be inappropriate since the essence of the Expanded Senior Citizens Act is to give recognition to the elderly and give them advantage over younger citizens by way of benefits and privileges.

This bill seeks to strengthen the benefits given to our senior citizens, by amending certain provision of Republic Act 9994, particularly Section 4, Privileges of Senior Citizens.

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

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AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE BENEFITS OF SENIOR CITIZENS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010 "

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

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9994 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. *Privileges for the Senior Citizens.* – The senior citizens shall be entitled to the following:

xxx

In the purchase of goods and services which are on promotional discount, the senior citizen can avail of the promotional discount ~~or~~ AND the discount provided herein, ~~whichever is higher~~

SEC. 2. ***Separability Clause*** – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC. 3. ***Repealing Clause*** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SEC. 4. ***Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,