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HOUSE BILL NO. **9848**

Introduced by Representative LORDAN G. SUAN

AN ACT
EXPANDING THE PRIVILEGES OF SENIOR CITIZENS BY EXEMPTING SENIOR CITIZENS FROM PARKING FEES IN ALL COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, AND PROVIDING EXEMPTION FROM THE NUMBER CODING SCHEME, THEREBY AMENDING SECTION 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432 AS AMENDED

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Senior citizens, through their sacrifices and invaluable contributions, have played a crucial role in making our country great and prosperous. We often turn to them for guidance and wisdom, relying on their knowledge to navigate life's uncertainties. As our nation progresses, it becomes paramount to prioritize the welfare of these esteemed individuals who have significantly shaped the development of our society. It is now our responsibility to reciprocate and ensure they feel genuinely appreciated for their enduring contributions.

Many seniors, often living on fixed incomes, face the challenge of balancing their budgets. Despite this, it is crucial to foster their continued active participation in communities, attendance at social events, and access to necessary services without hesitation. Navigating daily life independently becomes even more challenging when they must carefully consider travel schedules and worry about fees, particularly when purchasing essential daily and medical needs.

This proposed legislation serves as a powerful testament to our respect and appreciation for the lifelong contributions of senior citizens. It aims to alleviate their financial burdens by exempting them from parking and number coding fees. Such a gesture communicates that we recognize them as valued members of society, entitled to enjoy their later years without unnecessary constraints and navigate daily life without the complexities of traffic regulations.

Lastly, this bill carries profound psychological implications that positively impact the seniors' sense of self, autonomy, and emotional well-being. It seeks to enhance their overall quality of life, reinforcing a positive outlook on aging and emphasizing the societal commitment to supporting the mental health of our elderly population.

In light of the preceding, this bill's approval is fervently sought.

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* — This Act shall be known as the *"Senior Citizens Number Coding and Parking Privileges Act."*

SECTION 2. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended by Republic Act No. 9257 and Republic Act No. 9994 is hereby further amended by inserting the following provisions after Subsection (m) to read as follows:

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

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(m) Exemption from payment of parking fees in all commercial establishments such as markets, shopping malls, shopping warehouses,

hospitals, and other similar entities. This also applies to government establishments that levy parking fees.

(n) Exemption from the Unified Vehicular Volume Reduction Program or Number Coding Scheme implemented by government agencies or local government units.

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SECTION 3. *Procedure and Qualification.* — In order to avail the additional privilege provided in this Act, the following shall be observed:

1. A Senior Citizen must serve either as the driver or a passenger in the vehicle and should be capable of presenting any valid ID such as a Government-Issued ID with an indicated date of birth or Senior Citizens' Identification Card issued by the Office of Senior Citizen Affairs (OSCA)

2. In the case of parking areas equipped with automated ticketing machines, the Solo Parent availing the free parking privilege must present their SPIC to the parking attendant at the booth for validation of the documents upon entering or exiting the establishment.

3. Conditional upon parking slot availability, Solo Parents can exercise the additional benefit of complimentary parking on any regular slot, at any level if applicable, within the parking which is offered to the public on a first-come-first-served basis.

4. The parking privilege for Solo Parents shall only apply to the regular operating hours of the commercial or government establishment where the privilege is sought. The privilege herein granted shall not apply to overnight parking.

SECTION 4. All succeeding sections shall be renumbered accordingly.

SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* — Relevant agencies in coordination with the stakeholders, covered establishments and institution shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this act within Thirty (30) days from promulgation of this Act.

SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* — Any portion or provisions of this Act that may be declared unconstitutional or invalid shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or provisions hereof as long as such remaining portions or provisions can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, memoranda, circulars, and other issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette, in a newspaper of general circulation, or on a website provided for by law.

Approved,