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AN ACT GRANTING STUDENT FARE DISCOUNT ON TRANSPORTATION TICKETS PURCHASED ONLINE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11314, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "STUDENT FARE DISCOUNT ACT"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

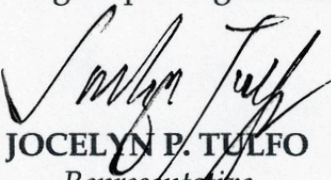
Section 2 of Republic Act No. 11314, otherwise known as the "Student Fare Discount Act", mandates the State to establish a mechanism that ensures the mandatory grant of a student fare discount privilege. According to the aforementioned law, a student is entitled to a grant of twenty percent (20%) discount on domestic regular fares. This covers all public transportation utilities such as public utility buses, public utility jeepneys, taxis and other similar vehicles-for-hire, tricycles, passenger trains, aircrafts, and marine vessels.

However, because of digitalization, transportation fares can now also be purchased electronically. The online payment scheme being used by transport service companies offers a fast and convenient way to secure passenger tickets or fees. In relation thereto, student-commuters may also make use of various digital platforms in order to avail transport with ease.

This proposed legislative measure seeks to amend the "Student Fare Discount Act" by granting fare discount to students for online purchases upon the digital presentation of their duly issued school identification card or current validated enrollment form. In addition, a student who is refused the fare discount privilege may file a complaint with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas for refusal to honor the student fare discount privilege using online payment channels or digital payment.

In view of the foregoing, the urgent passing of this bill is earnestly sought.


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4 **ACT”**

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6 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress*
7 *assembled:*
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9 **SECTION 1.** Section 5 of Republic Act No. 11314 or the “Student Fare Discount Act”
10 is amended as follows:
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12 “Section 5. *Student Fare Discount Privilege.* – A student under this Act shall be
13 entitled to a grant of twenty percent (20%) discount on domestic regular fares,
14 upon personal OR DIGITAL presentation, AS THE CASE MAY BE, of their
15 duly issued school identification card (IDs) or current validated enrollment
16 form supported by the prescribed government-issued identification document,
17 subject to an appropriate verification mechanism to be provide in the
18 implementing rules and regulations (IRR): *Provided, That in the case of air*
19 *public transportation utilities, the discount shall only apply to the base fare or*
20 *the price of the ticket before taxed and costs for ancillary services.”*
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1 **SEC. 2.** Section 9 of Republic Act No. 11314 is further amended as follows:

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3 “Section 9. *Filing of Complaints.* – A student who is refused the fare discount
4 privilege under this Act may file a complaint with:

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6 (a) The LTFRB for land transportation utilities, except tricycles;

7 (b) The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) for sea/water public
8 transportation utilities;

9 (c) The Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) for air public transportation utilities;

10 (d) The Legal Service of the Department of Transportation (DOTr) for rail
11 publication transportation facilities, including the Manila Light Railway
12 Transit System, the Metro Manila Rail Transit System and the Philippine
13 National Railway System; ~~and~~

14 (e) The Office of the Local Chief Executive of the local government unit
15 concerned for tricycles; AND

16 (f) THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS (BSP) FOR ONLINE
17 PAYMENT CHANNELS OR DIGITAL PAYMENTS.

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19 **SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The Amended Implementing Rules
20 and Regulations shall be promulgated within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of
21 this Act, taking into consideration the government central identification platform and
22 in coordination amongst the concerned agencies stated in Section 2 as well as in
23 consultation with the Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department
24 of Finance, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Department of Education, Commission on
25 Higher Education, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, Philippine
26 Statistics Authority, other concerned government agencies, public transportation utility
27 operators, and stakeholders.
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1 **SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules
2 and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof that are inconsistent with the
3 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

4 **SEC. 5. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
5 the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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7 *Approved,*