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HOUSE BILL NO. 10575



Introduced by
HON. ATTY. GERVILLE “JINKY BITRICS” R. LUISTRO

AN ACT PROVIDING A TEN PERCENT DISCOUNT TO LICENSED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

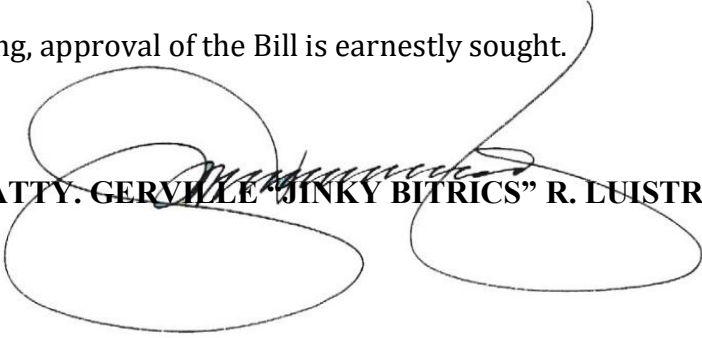
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill proposes the provision of a ten percent discount to licensed health professionals in business establishments. The purpose of this measure is to acknowledge and honor the sacrifices made and the risks faced by our health professionals in the performance of their sworn duties. Health professionals play a crucial role in promoting public health and ensuring the well-being of our citizens. They are often at the forefront, directly working to protect and improve the health of the population. In doing so, they expose themselves to various risks daily, including the potential for exposure to infectious diseases, long and demanding work hours, and high levels of stress and burnout.

Given these challenges and the essential nature of their work, it is imperative that we find ways to support and appreciate our health professionals. One such way is by offering them tangible benefits, such as a discount on goods and services. This discount not only serves as a token of gratitude but also helps to alleviate some of the financial burdens they may face.

By providing a ten percent discount to licensed health professionals, we can ensure that they are better looked after, recognizing their invaluable contributions to public health and their unwavering commitment to their profession. This measure seeks to provide a small but meaningful way to support those who dedicate their lives to caring for others.

In view of the foregoing, approval of the Bill is earnestly 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 otherwise be known as “Health Professionals Discount Act.”

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy* — It is the policy of the state to ensure that its licensed health professionals are adequately compensated for their invaluable services. Recognizing the essential role they play in maintaining public health and well-being, the state aims to provide comprehensive support that goes beyond basic salaries. To achieve this, the state shall implement a range of privileges designed to enhance the overall compensation package of licensed medical and health professionals. To this end, the state shall implement privileges that enhance the basic compensation of licensed medical and health professionals, ensuring the affordability of essential goods and services.

SEC. 3. *Discount Privilege for Medical and Health Professionals* — Licensed health professionals, as determined by the Professional Regulation Commission, shall be entitled to a ten percent (10%) discount on the following goods and services from all establishments:

(a) **Medicines and Medical Supplies:** This includes the purchase of medicines, influenza and pneumococcal vaccines, and other essential medical supplies, accessories, and equipment as determined by the Department of Health (DOH). The DOH will establish guidelines for compulsory rebates, distributing the discount burden among retailers, manufacturers, and distributors according to their respective margins.

(b) **Professional Fees:** This applies to the professional fees of attending physicians in all private hospitals, medical facilities, outpatient clinics, and home health care services.

(c) **Home Health Care Services:** This includes the professional fees of licensed health professionals providing home health care services as endorsed by private hospitals or employed through home health care employment agencies.

(d) **Medical and Dental Services:** This includes diagnostic and laboratory fees in all private hospitals, medical facilities, outpatient clinics, and home health care services, in accordance with the rules and regulations to be issued by the DOH in coordination with the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth).

(e) **Land Transportation:** This includes actual fare for travel on public utility buses (PUBs), public utility jeepneys (PUJs), taxis, Asian utility vehicles (AUVs), shuttle services, and public railways, including Light Rail Transit (LRT), Mass Rail Transit (MRT), and Philippine National Railways (PNR).

(f) **Domestic Air and Sea Transport:** This includes actual transportation fare for domestic air transport services and sea shipping vessels, based on the actual fare and advance booking.

(g) **Lodging and Recreation:** This includes services in hotels and similar lodging establishments, restaurants, and recreation centers.

(h) **Entertainment Venues:** This includes admission fees charged by theaters, cinema houses, concert halls, circuses, and other leisure and amusement establishments.

(i) **Funeral and Burial Services:** This applies to funeral and burial services for the death of senior citizens.

When purchasing goods or services with a promotional discount, the licensed medical or health professional may choose to avail of either the promotional discount or the discount provided herein, whichever is higher.

SEC. 4. *Limitation on Discount Privilege* - The discount privilege granted under this Act shall be applicable solely to the personal expenses of the licensed medical or health professional. It covers only the payment for goods and services directly utilized by the health professional themselves. This privilege does not extend to cover expenses incurred by their relatives, friends, or companions who are not qualified beneficiaries under the provisions of this Act. The discount is strictly personal and non-transferable, ensuring that it benefits only the licensed health professional.

SEC. 5. *Proof of Identity* - To utilize the discount privilege, the licensed health professional, or their duly authorized representative, must present a valid identification card issued by the Professional Regulation Commission. This identification card serves as proof of eligibility for the discount benefits provided under this Act.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause* - All laws, executive orders, administrative orders, rules, regulations, decrees, and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby revoked, repealed, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Separability Clause* - If any provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue in operation and remain in full force and effect,

SEC. 8. *Effectivity Clause* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in the two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,