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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 434

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Introduced by REP. RODOLFO "OMPONG" M. ORDANES

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**AN ACT**  
**EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS PRIVILEGES AND**  
**BENEFITS, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED,**  
**ENTITLED "AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE THE CONTRIBUTION OF SENIOR**  
**CITIZENS TO NATION BUILDING, GRANT BENEFITS, AND SPECIAL**  
**PRIVILEGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The State recognizes the invaluable role of senior citizens in nation-building and is mandated by the Constitution to promote their welfare and ensure that they are able to live dignified and secured lives. In pursuit of this, Republic Act No. 7432, as amended by Republic Act Nos. 9257 and 9994, was enacted to grant senior citizens various benefits and privileges.

However, as the cost of living continues to rise and the needs of our aging population evolve, there is an urgent need to expand and update the scope of benefits currently provided to senior citizens. Many of our elderly still struggle to access affordable goods, services, and healthcare despite the existing discounts and exemptions. Others face challenges due to gaps in the implementation of the law and the limited coverage of essential services and support systems.

This bill seeks to further amend Republic Act No. 7432, as amended, by expanding the coverage of privileges and benefits granted to senior citizens. Specifically, the measure includes:

- Extension of discounts and VAT exemption to online purchases made by senior citizens;
- A 15% discount on monthly electricity and water consumption not exceeding the prescribed consumption thresholds;
- An 8.5% special discount on basic necessities and prime commodities;
- A ₱25,000 death assistance benefit for the heirs or designated beneficiaries of a deceased senior citizen;
- Exemption from the number coding scheme and parking fees; and
- Discounts on toll fees for senior citizens who drive or are being transported in private vehicles.

These additional benefits aim to ease the financial burden on our elderly population, improve their quality of life, and ensure they are not left behind in a rapidly changing economic and digital landscape.

The measure also reflects the State's firm commitment to providing accessible support to our senior citizens, not just as a matter of welfare, but as an expression of gratitude for their lifelong contributions to our nation.

It is likewise important to note that this bill was approved on Second Reading in the House of Representatives during the 19th Congress, demonstrating broad support for strengthening the rights and privileges of our elderly population.

Given the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

1       SECTION 1. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended, is further  
2 amended to read as follows:

3               "SEC. 2. *Definition of Terms.* – For purposes of this Act, these terms  
4 are defined as follows:

5               "(a) xxx;

6               "(b) xxx;

7               "xxx

8               "(g) xxx;

9               "(h) xxx;

10              "(i) xxx:

11              "(j) xxx;

12              "**(K) MEDICINES REFER TO THE PRESCRIPTION AND**  
13 **NON-PRESCRIPTION OR OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUGS, BOTH**  
14 **GENERIC AND BRANDED, INCLUDING MEDICALLY**

1       **PRESCRIBED BY THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, AND**  
2       **APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) AND THE**  
3       **FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA), WHICH ARE**  
4       **INTENDED FOR USE IN THE DIAGNOSIS, CURE, MITIGATION,**  
5       **TREATMENT OR PREVENTION OF HUMAN DISEASE OR**  
6       **SICKNESS, BUT EXCLUDING FOOD, DEVICES OR THEIR**  
7       **COMPONENTS, PARTS OR ACCESSORIES; AND**

8               **“(L) FOOD SUPPLEMENTS REFER TO DIETARY OR**  
9       **NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS THAT AID THE NORMAL DIET**  
10       **AND INCLUDE VITAMINS AND MINERALS, AMINO ACIDS,**  
11       **FATTY ACIDS, HERBAL PRODUCTS, FORMULATED MILK AND**  
12       **OTHER SUBSTANCES IN THE FORMS OF PILLS, TABLETS,**  
13       **CAPSULES, POWDERED OR LIQUID FORM.”**

14       **SEC. 2.** Section 4 of the same Act is further amended to read as follows:

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

17               **“(a) the grant of twenty percent (20%) discount and exemption**  
18       **from the value-added tax (VAT), if applicable, on the sale of the**  
19       **following goods and services, INCLUDING ONLINE SALES, from all**  
20       **establishments, for the exclusive use and enjoyment or availment of**  
21       **senior citizens:**

22               **“(1) on the purchase of medicines, INFLUENZA AND**  
23       **PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINES, FOOD SUPPLEMENTS,**  
24       **[including the purchase of influenza and pneumococcal vaccines]**  
25       **and such other essential medical supplies, accessories and**  
26       **equipment to be determined by the Department of Health**  
27       **(DOH);**

28               **“xxx;**

29               **“(2) on the professional fees of attending physician/s in all**  
30       **private hospitals, medical facilities, outpatient clinics, and home**  
31       **health care services, INCLUDING PAYMENTS MADE**

1           **THROUGH HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS**  
2           **OR INSURANCE COMPANIES;**

3           “(3) on the professional fees of licensed professional health  
4           workers providing home health care services as endorsed by  
5           private hospitals or employed through home health care  
6           employment agencies, **INCLUDING PAYMENTS MADE**  
7           **THROUGH HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS**  
8           **OR INSURANCE COMPANIES;**

9           “(4) on medical and dental services, diagnostic and  
10          laboratory fees in all private hospital, medical facilities,  
11          outpatient clinics, and home health care services, in accordance  
12          with the rules and regulations to be issued by the DOH, in  
13          coordination with the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation  
14          (PhilHealth), **INCLUDING PAYMENTS MADE THROUGH**  
15          **HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS OR**  
16          **INSURANCE COMPANIES;**

17          “(5) in actual fare for land transportation travel in public  
18          utility buses (PUBs), public utility jeepneys (PUJs), taxis, Asian  
19          utility vehicles (AUVs), shuttle services, **TRANSPORT**  
20          **NETWORK VEHICLE SERVICES (TNVS)** and public railways,  
21          including Light Rail Transit (LRT), Mass Rail Transit (MRT), and  
22          Philippine National Railways (PNR), **AND PAYMENT OF**  
23          **TOLL FEES IN SKYWAYS, AND EXPRESSWAYS;**

24          **“TO AVAIL OF THE DISCOUNT ON TOLL FEES, THE**  
25          **VEHICLE MUST BE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SENIOR**  
26          **CITIZEN.**

27          **“THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, LIGHT RAIL**  
28          **TRANSIT AUTHORITY, PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RAILWAYS,**  
29          **TOLL REGULATORY BOARD, AND LAND TRANSPORTATION**  
30          **FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD SHALL ISSUE THE**  
31          **APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES FOR THE PUBLIC LAND**  
32          **TRANSPORT SECTOR AND REQUIRE THE OPERATORS TO**

1       **INFORM THE PUBLIC ON THE BENEFITS OF THE SENIOR**  
2       **CITIZENS BY POSTERS, HANDBILLS PAMPHLETS OR SIMILAR**  
3       **MEANS ON BOARD THE PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES.**

4               “(6) xxx;

5               “(7) on the utilization of services in hotels and similar lodging  
6       establishments, restaurants and recreation centers, **INCLUDING GOLF**  
7       **AND COUNTRY CLUBS;**

8               “(8) xxx;

9               “(9) xxx;

10              “(b) xxx;

11              “(c) the grant of [~~a minimum of five percent (5%)~~] **FIFTEEN**  
12       **PERCENT (15%) discount [relative to] ON** the monthly utilization of  
13       water and electricity supplied by public utilities: *Provided*, That the  
14       individual meters for the foregoing utilities are registered in the name  
15       of the senior citizen residing therein: *Provided, further*, That the monthly  
16       consumption does not exceed [~~one~~] **TWO** hundred kilowatt hours ([~~100~~]  
17       **(200 kWh)** of electricity and [~~thirty~~] **FIFTY** cubic meters ([~~30~~] **50 m<sup>3</sup>**) of  
18       water: *Provided, furthermore*, That the **DISCOUNT ON ELECTRICITY**  
19       **SHALL BE GRANTED ON THE INCREMENTAL USAGE ABOVE**  
20       **THE LIFELINE RATE AND WITHIN TWO HUNDRED KILOWATT**  
21       **HOURS (200KWH), AS THE CASE MAYBE: PROVIDED, FINALLY,**  
22       **THAT THE privilege is granted per household regardless of the number**  
23       **of senior citizens residing therein AND THE REGISTERED SENIOR**  
24       **CITIZEN CONTINUES TO RESIDE IN THE HOUSEHOLD;**

25              “(d) xxx;

26              “(e) xxx;

27              “(f) xxx;

28              “(g) xxx;

29              “(h) xxx;

30              “(i) xxx;

31              “(j) [~~to the extent possible,, the government may~~] **THE grant OF**  
32       **EIGHT AND A HALF PERCENT (8.5%) special discounts [in special**

1 ~~programs for senior citizens]~~ on THE purchase of basic NECESSITIES  
2 AND PRIME commodities, ~~[subject to the guidelines to be issued for~~  
3 ~~the purpose by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the~~  
4 ~~Department of Agriculture (DA)]~~ FROM RETAILERS SUCH AS  
5 SUPERMARKETS, GROCERY STORES, CONVENIENCE AND  
6 MINI-CONVENIENCE STORES AND SHOPS, EXCLUDING  
7 THOSE WITH A CAPITALIZATION OF LESS THAN ONE  
8 HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 100,000.00), PUBLIC AND  
9 PRIVATE WET MARKETS, "TALIPAPA" AND COOPERATIVE  
10 STORES: PROVIDED, THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF  
11 PURCHASE SHALL NOT EXCEED FIVE THOUSAND PESOS  
12 (PHP5,000.00)PER CALENDAR WEEK WITHOUT CARRY-OVER OF  
13 THE UNUSED AMOUNT;

14 "THE CONCERNED RETAILERS SHALL POST SIGNAGES  
15 AT THE ENTRANCE OR AT ANY CONSPICUOUS PLACE WITHIN  
16 THE ESTABLISHMENT, AND AT EACH PAYMENT COUNTER TO  
17 INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE SPECIAL DISCOUNTS.

18 "THE NATIONAL COMMISSION OF SENIOR CITIZENS  
19 SHALL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
20 TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI), DEPARTMENT OF  
21 AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, BANGKO SENTRAL  
22 NG PILIPINAS, NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT  
23 AUTHORITY, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND  
24 DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER RELEVANT GOVERNMENT  
25 AGENCIES, REVIEW AND ASSESS THE IMPACT OF THE  
26 SPECIAL DISCOUNT RATE ON THE PURCHASE OF BASIC  
27 NECESSITIES AND PRIME COMMODITIES, AND SUBMIT A  
28 RECOMMENDATION REPORT TO CONGRESS EVERY THREE (3)  
29 YEARS.

30 "(k) xxx; [and]

31 "(l) death benefit assistance of a minimum of [Two-thousand  
32 pesos (Php 2,000.00)] TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP

1       **25,000.00)** shall be given to the nearest surviving relative of a deceased  
2       senior citizen which amount shall be subject to adjustments due to  
3       inflation in accordance with the ~~[guidelines to be issued by the DSWD]~~  
4       **ESTIMATED ANNUAL INFLATION RATE BY THE PHILIPPINE**  
5       **STATISTICS AUTHORITY;**

6               "xxx.

7               **"(M) EXEMPTION FROM THE UNIFIED VEHICULAR**  
8       **VOLUME REDUCTION PROGRAM IF THE SENIOR CITIZEN IS**  
9       **DRIVING OR ON BOARD THE VEHICLE;**

10              **"(N) TWENTY PERCENT (20%) DISCOUNT ON TRAFFIC**  
11       **FINES FOR WHICH THEY ARE FOUND LIABLE;**

12              **"(O) EXEMPTION FROM PARKING FEE IN ALL**  
13       **COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHMENTS**  
14       **DURING THE REGULAR OPERATING HOURS OF THE**  
15       **ESTABLISHMENT IF THE SENIOR CITIZEN IS DRIVING OR ON**  
16       **BOARD THE VEHICLE ENTERING THE ESTABLISHMENT;**

17              "In the availment of the privileges mentioned above, the senior  
18       citizen, or ~~[his/her]~~ duly authorized representative, may submit as  
19       proof of ~~[his/her]~~ entitlement thereto any of the following:

20              "(1) xxx;

21              "(2) xxx;

22              "(3) xxx.

23              "In the purchase of goods and services which are on promotional  
24       discount, the senior citizen can avail of the promotional discount or the  
25       discount provided herein, whichever is higher.

26              "The establishment may claim the discounts granted under  
27       subsections (a) and (c) of this section as tax deduction based on the cost  
28       of the goods sold or services rendered: *Provided*, That the cost of the  
29       discount shall be allowed as deduction from gross income for the same  
30       taxable year that the discount is granted: *Provided, further*, That the total  
31       amount of the claimed tax deduction net of VAT, if applicable, shall be  
32       included in their gross sales receipts for tax purposes and shall be

1 subject to proper documentation and to the provisions of the National  
2 Internal Revenue Code (NIRC), as amended. **LIKEWISE,**  
3 **ESTABLISHMENTS MAY CLAIM THE COST OF VAT**  
4 **EXEMPTION AND DISCOUNT GRANTED UNDER THIS**  
5 **SECTION AS TAX DEDUCTION."**

6 **SEC. 3.** Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Chairperson  
7 of the National Commission of Senior Citizens and heads of concerned  
8 government agencies shall formulate and adopt amendments to the existing  
9 rules and regulations implementing the provisions of RA 7432, as amended, to  
10 carry out the objectives of this Act.

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

13 Approved,