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House Bill No. **857**

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PhilRECA Party-List Representative Presley C. De Jesus

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, otherwise known as the *Magna Carta for Disabled Persons*, was enacted to ensure that persons with disabilities (PWDs) enjoy rights and privileges as other members of society, enabling them to participate meaningfully and equally.

The bill seeks to amend the law by granting a ten percent (10%) discount and exemption from the value-added tax (VAT) on the monthly electric consumption of persons with disabilities.

Low-income households already benefit from reduced rates under Republic Act No. 9136, as amended by Republic Act. 115521. This continuing relief and assistance gives them the opportunity to access electricity that improves the overall quality of their life. Extending the same benefit to our PWDs shows our sincere commitment to inclusivity and promote the full enjoyment of all their rights. Persons with disabilities comprise about 1.57% of the total population, or about 1.44 million individuals. They deserve tangible support in law to them to live with dignity and fully participate in society.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought

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AN ACT

GRANTING TEN PERCENT (10%) DISCOUNT RATE AND EXEMPTING FROM THE VALUE ADDED TAX THE MONTHLY ELECTRIC CONSUMPTION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED BY R.A. NO. 10754, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “MAGNA CARTA FOR DISABLED PERSONS”

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

1 SECTION 1. A new sub-section, to be designated as Section 32 (b), is
2 hereby inserted under Republic Act No. 7277, as amended by R.A. No. 10754,
3 otherwise known as the “Magna Carta for Persons with Disability to read as
4 follows:

5 “SEC. 32. Persons with disability shall be entitled to:

6 x x x

7 **b. THE GRANT OF A MINIMUM OF TEN PERCENT (10%)**
8 **DISCOUNT RELATIVE TO THE MONTHLY UTILIZATION OF**
9 **ELECTRICITY SUPPLIED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES AND**
10 **EXEMPTION FROM THE VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT):**
11 **PROVIDED, THAT THE INDIVIDUAL METERS FOR THE**
12 **FOREGOING UTILITIES ARE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF**
13 **THE PWD RESIDING THEREIN: ALTERNATIVELY, THE**
14 **REGISTERED OWNER OF THE HOUSEHOLD MAY PRESENT**
15 **PROOF THAT ONE OF THE PERMANENT RESIDENTS**

1 **CURRENTLY LIVING THEREIN ARE PWD: PROVIDED,**
2 **FURTHER, THAT THE MONTHLY CONSUMPTION DOES NOT**
3 **EXCEED ONE HUNDRED KILOWATT HOURS (100 KWH) OF**
4 **ELECTRICITY: PROVIDED, FURTHERMORE, THAT THE**
5 **PRIVILEGE IS GRANTED PER HOUSEHOLD REGARDLESS OF**
6 **THE NUMBER OF PWD RESIDING THEREIN, AND THE**
7 **REGISTERED PWD CONTINUES TO LIVE WITHIN THE**
8 **HOUSEHOLD ADDRESS.**

9 c. Educational assistance to PWD, for them to pursue primary,
10 secondary, tertiary, post tertiary, as well as vocational or
11 technical education, in both public and private schools, through
12 the provision of scholarships, grants, financial aids, subsidies
13 and other incentives to qualified PWD, including support for
14 books, learning materials, and uniform allowance to the extent
15 feasible: Provided, That PWD shall meet the minimum admission
16 requirements;

17 x x x”

18 SEC. 2. Within thirty (30) days after the effectivity of this Act, the
19 National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) shall, in consultation with the
20 Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) and other concerned utility regulatory
21 agencies promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective
22 implementation of this Act.

23 SEC. 3. If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or
24 unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall
25 remain in full force and effect.

26 SEC. 4. All laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations, and other parts
27 thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed,
28 amended or modified accordingly.

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

31 Approved,