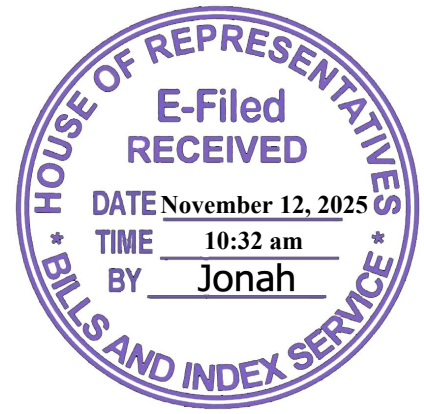


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The teaching profession, often described as the most noble profession, is the bedrock of national development and progress. Teachers are entrusted with the crucial responsibility of molding the youth into productive and responsible citizens, yet they continue to grapple with economic difficulties, including insufficient compensation and rising costs of living.

According to various studies, a significant portion of a teacher's modest salary is allocated to transportation, especially for those who commute daily to far-flung schools or attend mandatory seminars and training programs outside their locality.

This proposed bill seeks to provide tangible economic relief and official recognition to our dedicated teachers by granting them a twenty percent (20%) discount on all domestic public transportation fares. This benefit will apply to all modes of public transit, including land, air, rail, and sea travel.

By institutionalizing this fare discount, the government acknowledges the invaluable contribution of teachers to nation-building and demonstrates a commitment to supporting their welfare. This is a measure of gratitude that is both justifiable and necessary to help our educators "make ends meet" and reduce the financial burden associated with their professional duties.

This Act mandates all public transportation utilities to grant the discount and establishes the necessary government mechanism for its implementation, enforcement, and the corresponding tax deduction for transport operators, ensuring that the burden is balanced and compliance is high.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FARE DISCOUNT PRIVILEGES TO TEACHERS ON ALL MODES OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, INSTITUTIONALIZING A MECHANISM THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Teachers' Fare Discount Act."

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and to recognize the vital role of teachers in nation-building. The State shall, therefore, adopt measures that provide incentives and benefits to ease the financial burden on teachers in recognition of their noble service.

SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* - As used in this Act:

- a. Teacher refers to any Filipino citizen who is a licensed professional teacher and currently employed, whether on a permanent, temporary, or contractual status, in a public or private elementary, secondary, technical-vocational, or higher education institution in the Philippines.
- b. Public Transportation Utilities refer to all Philippine common carriers engaged in the business of carrying or transporting passengers by land, sea/water, air, or rail for compensation, offering their services to the public. This includes, but is not limited to, Public Utility Buses (PUBs), Public Utility Jeepneys (PUJs), taxis, tricycles, passenger trains (LRT, MRT, PNR), aircraft, and marine vessels.
- c. Discounted Fare refers to the fare paid by a teacher after deducting the twenty percent (20%) discount from the regular domestic fare.

SEC. 4. *Grant of Teachers' Fare Discount.* - A Teacher shall be entitled to a grant of a twenty percent (20%) discount on domestic regular fares for all modes of public transportation utilities, upon personal presentation of his or her duly issued and validated school employee's identification card (ID) or Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) ID.

SEC. 5. *Implementing Agencies.* - The Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB), the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB), the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), the Department of Transportation (DOTr) Legal Service for rail transport, and the respective local government units (LGUs) for tricycles, shall jointly issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. *Tax Deduction.* - The public transportation utility operator may claim as a tax deduction the teacher fare discount herein granted based on the cost of the services rendered: *Provided*, That the cost of the discount shall be allowed as a deduction from gross income for the same taxable year the discount is granted.

SEC. 7. *Penalties.* - Any driver, conductor, operator, or personnel of a public transportation utility who refuses to grant the discount privilege under this Act shall be penalized with fines, suspension, or cancellation of franchise/license, as provided for in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 9. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,