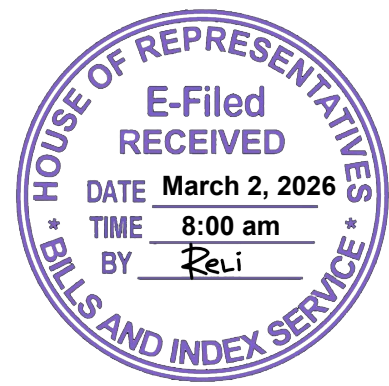


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) has issued Memorandum Circulars granting student fare discount to students seven (7) days a week including school breaks, legal and special holidays. This is a big step in helping our students by providing some financial relief.

While the Memorandum of the LTFRB a welcome development, there are still deficiencies because there are some forms of transportation that is not covered, particularly the MRT and LRT.

The MRT and LRT train systems are used by thousands of students daily. There are also students who take the trains of the Philippine National Railway. We need to institutionalize fare discounts to students across all forms of public transportation.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT

INSTITUTIONALIZING STUDENT FARE DISCOUNT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. – In accordance with the Constitution, the State shall promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall provide incentives to ease the financial burden of the students and their parents. In furtherance of this policy, the State shall institutionalize the grant of student fare discount to all students at all levels.

SECTION 2. Coverage. – All students, those enrolled in any elementary, secondary, technical and vocational or higher education institution shall avail of the twenty percent (20%) discount from Monday to Sunday including summer breaks, legal and special legal holidays on all land transportation services including but not limited to: public utility buses (PUBs) including Point-to-Point buses, public utility jeepneys (PUJs), taxis, UV expresses, transport network vehicle services (TNVs); and rail transit systems such as metro rail transit (MRT), light rail transits (LRTs) and other railway services.

However, Post-graduate students such as those taking up medicine, law, doctoral degrees and the like shall not avail of the said fare discount.

SECTION 3. Implementation. – Nothing in this Act shall prohibit the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) to exercise its mandate to determine, prescribe and approve and periodically review and adjust fares, rates and other related charges as provided for in Executive Order 202. Likewise, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) shall exercise its mandate to determine, prescribe and approve and periodically review and adjust fares, rates and other related services to the operation of the railway systems.

The LTFRB and DOTr shall, after consultation with the stakeholders and concerned government agencies, shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

SECTION 4. Separability Clause. – If any portion of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and in effect.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders and issuances, proclamations, rules and regulation and other issuances or parts thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the official gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,