

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 10529



Introduced by **ANG PROBINSYANO**
Party-List Representative Alfred Delos Santos

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the privilege discount granted to senior citizens from twenty percent (20%) to twenty five percent (25%).

On April 23, 1992, Republic Act (RA) No. 7432 was enacted granting benefits and special privileges to senior citizens in recognition of their contributions to nation building. RA 7432 was later amended by RA 9257 and RA 9994, expanding the benefits and privileges to senior citizens. Although the benefits under the latter law have been extended to other services and establishments, the twenty percent (20%) discount remains the same.

Consistent with worldwide trends on population demographics, the Philippines is also expected to face an ageing population in the coming decades.¹ This will have far-reaching impacts on policy, infrastructure, and distribution of social benefits. Thus, as early as now, it is crucial for the nation to prepare our national infrastructure for the upcoming demographic shift. While a growing older segment of the population presents its own unique challenges, adaptation of a “silver economy” hinges on a senior population that are fit, healthy, and strong².

On the long run, tackling this demographic shift will depend on how equipped the country’s senior population will be. Thus, there is a need to update this benefit to keep on pace with the continuing rise in the cost of living, current inflation rates, and the positive increase in lifespan of Filipinos,

¹ Raine Musñgi (2026), “As more Pinoys get older, experts say PH should see aging as opportunity, not burden.” ABS-CBN News, 06 June 2026, available at <https://www.abs-cbn.com/news/business/2026/6/6/as-more-pinoys-get-older-ph-should-see-aging-as-boon-not-bane-experts-0800>

² Virgilio C. Galvez (2025), “Pinoys living longer but most are unwell,” Manila Standard, 25 October 2025, available at <https://manilastandard.net/good-life/314659892/pinoys-living-longer-but-most-are-unwell.html>

which necessitates upgraded assistance to our senior citizens³. Amidst these challenges, the 20% discount is insufficient to meet the daily needs of senior citizens.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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³ Marita Moaje (2026), “Nat’l discussion on aging timely as senior population hits 11M,” Philippine News Agency, 12 February 2026, available at https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1268289?_cf_chl_f_tk=7h2gQ0rDyIgSfUcqf6kYrWxxxObUomRYKL.ZP2eXSv8-1783313865-1.0.1.1-uRa1Lzj.xmhb3wfdiAeHYyisWqu0hqCM.B5DhhvSyA

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AN ACT
INCREASING THE DISCOUNT PRIVILEGE GRANTED TO SENIOR CITIZENS
FROM TWENTY PERCENT TO TWENTY FIVE PERCENT, FURTHER
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9444

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Further Expanded Senior Citizens Benefits Act."

SECTION 2. Section 4(a) of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended by Republic Act No. 9257 and Republic Act No. 9994, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

SEC. 4. Privileges for the Senior Citizens. - The senior citizens shall be entitled to the following:

"(a) the grant of **twenty five percent (25%)** discount and exemption from the value -added tax (VAT), if applicable, on the sale of the following goods and services from all establishments, for the exclusive use and enjoyment or availment of the senior citizen

SECTION 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DSWD shall, in consultation with the Department of Finance, the Department of Tourism, the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD), DOLE, DOJ, DILG, DTI, DOH, DOTr, the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DEPDev), DepED, TESDA, the CHED, and five (5) NGOs or POs

for senior citizens duly accredited by the DSWD, formulate and promulgate the necessary amendments to the existing implementing rules and regulations of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended, to effectively implement the provisions of this Act. The Department of Health shall revise, as may be necessary, the guidelines issued pursuant to Section 4(a)(1) of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended, to conform with the provisions of this Act.

Section 3. *Repealing Clause.* - All law, executive orders, rules and regulations or any part hereof inconsistent herewith are deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 4. *Separability Clause.* - If any part or provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional and invalid, such 18 declaration shall not invalidate other parts thereof which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days its complete publication n the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,

