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House Bill No. 11111



INTRODUCED BY REP. PATRICK MICHAEL “PM” D. VARGAS

AN ACT

**EXPANDING THE PRIVILEGES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS TO INCLUDE
FREE PARKING IN ALL ESTABLISHMENTS AND EXEMPTION FROM THE
NUMBER CODING SCHEME, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 9994, or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010, defines ‘senior citizens’ as individuals aged 60 years old and above. Senior citizens make up 10.2 percent of the total population, or 11.2 million Filipinos, as of the latest census of the Philippine Statistics Authority in 2024.

The Philippine government recognizes the role of the elderly in nation-building and their continued contributions to society and development. As such, legislation that encourages mobility, growth, and protection for our dear elderly is of importance.

In line with the State’s policy to promote the welfare of senior citizens, this legislation seeks to create opportunities for their continued participation in social and economic life, while ensuring that their rights and well-being are protected. It reflects the government’s continuing commitment to reduce the burdens faced by senior citizens and to support their meaningful contribution to national development.

This bill seeks to provide additional benefits and privileges to the Filipino elderly. This proposed legislation exempts them from paying parking fees in all establishments and from the Unified Vehicular Volume Reduction Program or the number coding scheme implemented by the

Government. Through this initiative, we are providing our senior citizens simple economic benefits that would reward their great contributions to our country's development.

In view of 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:*

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as “*Free Parking and
Coding Exemption for Senior Citizens Act*”.

SECTION 2. *Amendatory Provision.* – Section 4 of Republic Act No. 7432,
as amended, is hereby further amended by inserting the following provisions
after Subsection (l) to read as follows:

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

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**(m) FREE PARKING IN ALL ESTABLISHMENTS FOR VEHICLES
REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SENIOR CITIZEN;**

**(n) EXEMPTION FROM THE UNIFIED VEHICULAR VOLUME
REDUCTION PROGRAM OR NUMBER CODING SCHEME OF THE
GOVERNMENT FOR VEHICLES WHERE A SENIOR CITIZEN IS
EITHER THE DRIVER OR THE PASSENGER;**

SEC. 5. XXX”

SECTION 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The relevant government agencies shall draft the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of this Act within fifteen (15) days from its effectivity for the implementation of this Act.

SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the reminder of the Act or the provisions not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SECTION 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days upon its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,