



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
Second Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. **11377**



Introduced by Representative Crispin Diego "Ping" D. Remulla

AN ACT
GRANTING SENIOR CITIZENS A MINIMUM OF FIVE PERCENT (5%)
DISCOUNT ON THE FIRST 150 KILOWATT HOURS OF ELECTRICITY
CONSUMPTION AND ON THE FIRST 50 CUBIC METERS OF WATER
CONSUMPTION, AND EXEMPTION FROM THE VALUE-ADDED TAX (VAT),
AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE "EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XV, Section 4 of the 1987 Constitution states that "The family has the duty to care for its elderly members but the State may also do so through just programs of social security." In line with this, Republic Act 9994, or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010, reaffirmed the nation's commitment to the well-being of senior citizens by providing various benefits and privileges.

Despite the existing law, many senior citizens continue to struggle financially. As former Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) Executive Director Juan Antonio Perez III pointed out, "Almost half the number of older persons are still working and unable to make ends meet for their daily living; more so, for their health needs."

Rising costs of living, particularly in essential utilities such as electricity and water, exacerbate the financial burden faced by our elderly population, especially those without stable income or sufficient retirement savings.

This measure seeks to further ease the financial burden of senior citizens by mandating a minimum five percent (5%) discount on the first 150 kilowatt hours of electricity consumption and the first 50 cubic meters of water consumption per month.

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

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the "*Expanded Senior Citizens*
2 *Act*".

3 **SEC. 2.** Section 4 (c) of Republic Act No 7432, as amended by Republic Act No. 9257,
4 otherwise known as the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2003", and as further amended by
5 Republic Act No. 9994, otherwise known as “Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010”, is hereby
6 amended to read as follows:

7 “Sec. 4. Privileges for the Senior Citizens -

8 “X X X

9 “(c) the grant of a minimum of five percent (5%) discount
10 ~~[relative to the monthly utilization of water and electricity supplied~~
11 ~~by the public utilities]~~ **ON THE FIRST ONE HUNDRED FIFTY**
12 **(150) KILOWATT-HOURS (KWH) AND ON THE FIRST**
13 **FIFTY (50) CUBIC METERS RELATIVE TO THEIR**
14 **MONTHLY UTILIZATION OF WATER AND**

**ELECTRICITY SUPPLIED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES,
AND EXEMPTION FROM THE VALUE-ADDED TAX**

(VAT): *Provided*, That the individual meters for the foregoing utilities and the house and lot of the said property are registered in the name of the senior citizen residing therein: [~~*Provided, further,*~~ That the monthly consumption does not exceed one hundred kilowatt hours (100 kWh) of electricity and thirty cubic meters (30 m³) of water] *Provided, furthermore*, That the privilege is granted per household regardless of the number of senior citizens residing therein.”

SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within thirty (30) days from the enactment of this law, the concerned agencies named under Republic Act No. 9994 shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations.

SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent with the provisions of the Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,