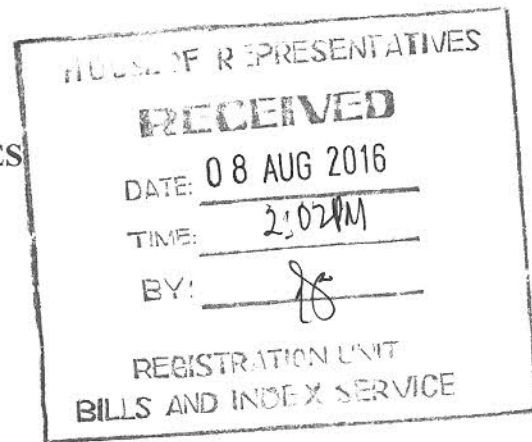


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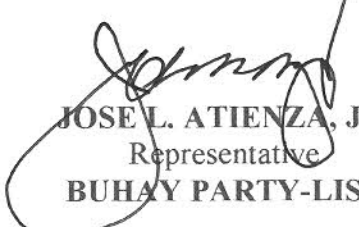
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to grant additional privileges to Filipino Senior Citizens in the form of an additional thirty percent to the current twenty percent discount mandated by law for senior citizens availing of domestic air and sea transport services. If approved, senior citizens would then be able to enjoy a total of Fifty Percent (50%) reduction in their air and sea domestic fares.

This would greatly enable our senior citizens – who have spent the most productive years of their lives contributing to our country's economy and development through hard work and by religiously paying their taxes – to enjoy their so-called golden years by travelling to the countless tourist destinations our country has been so richly blessed with. With the increasing costs of healthcare and medication today, senior citizens barely have enough resources to enable them to travel and enjoy their retirement years. Most of them have reached their ripe old age without even setting foot outside Metro Manila due to the high cost of travel. Travel will likewise afford them the opportunity to reconnect with friends and family residing and working in different parts of the country.

Through this bill, they become the most ideal salesmen and tourism ambassadors for our country to encourage both local and foreign tourists to see and enjoy the world-famous islands and resorts in the Philippines.

The passage of this bill is earnestly sought for the benefit of our Senior Citizens.


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AN ACT
GRANTING A TOTAL OF FIFTY PERCENT (50%) DISCOUNT ON THE FARE OF SENIOR CITIZENS ON DOMESTIC FLIGHTS AND SEA VOYAGES; AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 7432, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010”

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

Section 1. Section 4 of Republic Act no. 7432, as amended by Republic Act no. 9994, otherwise known as the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010, is hereby amended further to read as follows:

“Section 4. *Privileges for the Senior Citizens*

“The senior citizens shall be entitled to the following:

“xxx

“(m) The grant of fifty *per centum* (50%) discount and exemption from the value-added tax (VAT) on actual transportation fare for domestic air transport services and sea shipping vessels and the like, based on the actual fare and advanced booking.

“xxx.”

Section 2. *Repealing Clause* – Relevant sections of Republic Act no. 7432, as amended by Republic Act no. 9994, otherwise known as the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010; and all laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, and parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 3. *Separability Clause* – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act, or any portion thereof, or the application of such section, provision, or portion to any person, group, or circumstance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or the application of such section, provision, or portion thereof to other persons, groups, or circumstances shall not be affected by such declaration.

Section 4. *Effectivity* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in three (3) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,