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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Senior citizens have immensely contributed to nation building and dedicated their lives' work to the betterment of the community. For the longest time, they have been paying their taxes but have not recouped in material terms what is due them. Fact is, they continue to give without reproach and still work hard to improve their lot and that of their loved ones.

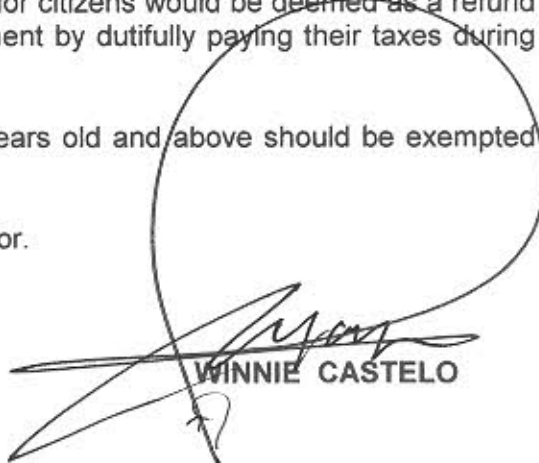
Unfortunately, existing laws have not amply addressed the various needs of senior citizens. Owing to their physical constitution, growing frail and sickly on account of their old age, they can hardly be gainfully employed as to defray every government-imposed fee.

It is for this reason that terminal fee exemption is being sought on behalf of the indigent senior citizens. This exemption should be a gesture of the government to acknowledge their hard work across time and help them ease their burden of having to pay for terminal fees every time they travel abroad.

The grant of terminal fee exemption to indigent senior citizens would be deemed as a refund on their labor, toil, and faithfulness to the government by dutifully paying their taxes during their heyday.

Hence, under this bill, every indigent elderly, 60 years old and above should be exempted from terminal fees.

The immediate passage of this measure is prayed for.



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AN ACT
EXEMPTING FROM TERMINAL FEES ALL SENIOR CITIZENS

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “Senior Citizens’ Terminal Fee Exemption Act of 2016”.

SEC. 2. Under this Act, every senior citizen is exempted from paying terminal fees for flights.

SEC. 3. All issuances, laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof not consistent with this Act are hereby repealed accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,