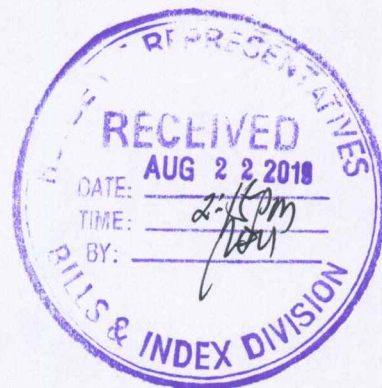


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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**House Bill No. 4129**

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**Introduced by Representative Virgilio S. Lacson**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Section 9, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that "The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all".

In order to assist our teachers in the fulfillment of their noble profession of instilling life skills and values to our schoolchildren and to better recognize and appreciate their contributions to nation-building, it is incumbent upon the State to grant fare discounts to teachers, helping them in making ends meet, enabling our teachers to focus more on the practice of the teaching profession.

This Act seeks to provide fare discount privilege to teachers in all modes of public transportation by institutionalizing mechanisms that will ensure uniformed implementation both at the national and local level.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of the bill is earnestly sought.

  
**VIRGILIO S. LACSON**  
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AN ACT  
PROVIDING FOR FARE DISCOUNT PRIVILEGES TO TEACHERS ON ALL  
MODES OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, INSTITUTIONALIZING  
MECHANISM THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1       **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as “*Teacher Fare Discount Act.*”

2       **Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – The State shall establish a mechanism that ensures  
3 the mandatory grant of discounts for teachers, enlist the corporation and support of public  
4 transportation utilities in providing assistance to teachers as a social responsibility through  
5 the observance of this privilege, and encourage teachers to pursue quality teaching practice  
6 in the exercise of their profession.

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8       **Sec. 3. Definition of Terms.** – For the purpose of this Act, the term:

- 9       a) *Teacher* refers to any Filipino citizen who are in actual practice of  
10 teaching profession in primary and secondary school;  
11       b) *School days* refers to the entire duration of the school year during which  
12 teachers are engaged in teaching excluding term breaks;  
13       c) *Public Transportation utilities* refers to natural or juridical persons  
14 engaged in the business of transporting passengers or goods, by land,  
15 water, or air for compensation offering their services to the public;  
16       d) *Owner* refers to the actual legal owner of a vehicle, in whose name such  
17 vehicle is duly registered with the Department of Transportation; and  
18       e) *Driver* refers to every and any licensed operator of a motor vehicle.  
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20       **Sec. 4. Teacher Fare Discount Privilege.** – A teacher shall be entitled to a twenty  
21 (20%) percent discount on the regular domestic fares of all kinds of public transportation  
22 utilities upon the presentation of duly issued and validated school employee’s identification  
23 cards. In the absence of a validation school employee identification card, a Professional



1 Regulation Commission (PRC) Identification Card issued to licensed teachers shall be  
2 sufficient. *Provided*, that this privilege may be availed of only during school days.

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4 Sec. 5. *Complaint Mechanism.* – A teacher who is refused the fare discount privilege  
5 under this Act, may file a complaint with:

- 6 a) The Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board for land public  
7 transportation utilities;  
8 b) The Maritime Industry Authority for sea public transportation utilities;  
9 c) The Legal Service of the Department of Transportation for rail public  
10 transportation facilities; and  
11 d) The Office of the Local Chief Executive of the Local Government Units  
12 concerned for tricycle.

13 These agencies and offices are hereby authorized to impose penalties provided for in  
14 Section 6 of the Act on public transportation utilities that refuse or fail to grant the teacher  
15 fare discount privilege.

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17 Sec. 6. *Penalties.* – The following penalties shall be imposed or refusal or failure to  
18 grant the teacher fare discount privilege provided under this Act:

- 19 a) For land public transportation utilities, including tricycle:

20 The driver shall suffer the penalty of suspension of driver's license for:

- 21 1) One (1) week for the first offense;  
22 2) Two (2) weeks for the second offense; and  
23 3) Three (3) weeks plus a fine of one thousand pesos (Php1,000.00) for  
24 each subsequent offense.

25 The owner or operator of the land transportation utility shall be likewise  
26 liable with the conductor for the payment of the fine.

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28 In land public transportation utilities requiring prior booking, the operator  
29 shall be likewise liable with its employee responsible for the refusal or failure  
30 for a fine of:

- 31 1) One thousand (Php1,000.00) for the first offense;  
32 2) Five thousand (Php5,000.00) for the second offense;  
33 3) Ten thousand (Php10,000.00) for the third offense; and  
34 4) Additional increment of five thousand pesos (Php5,000.00) on top of  
35 the penalty for the third offense for each subsequent offense.

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37 b) For sea, water or air public transportation utilities:

38 The owner, operator and the chief of operations, of the sea, water or air  
39 public transportation utility shall be solidarily liable with its employee or  
40 agent responsible for the refusal or failure for a fine of:

- 41 1) Five thousand pesos (Php5,000.00) for the first offense;  
42 2) Ten thousand pesos (Php10,000.00) for the second offense;  
43 3) Twenty thousand pesos (Php25,000.00) for the third offense; and  
44 4) Additional increments of ten thousand pesos (Php10,000.00) on  
45 top of the penalty for the third offense for each subsequent  
46 offense.



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2 c) For rail public transportation utilities:

3 The operation and the chief of operation of the rail public  
4 transportation utility shall be solidarily liable with its employee responsible  
5 for the refusal or failure for a fine of:

- 6 1) One thousand pesos (Php1,000.00) for the first offense;  
7 2) Five thousand pesos (Php5,000.00) for the second offense;  
8 3) Ten thousand pesos (Php10,000.00) for the third offense; and  
9 4) Additional increments of five thousand pesos (Php5,000.00) on  
10 top of the penalty for the third offense for each subsequent  
11 offense.  
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13 *Sec.7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within thirty (30) days from the  
14 effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall, after consultation with the  
15 concerned government agencies, promulgate the rules and regulations for the proper  
16 implementations of this Act.  
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18 *Sec. 8. Separability Clause.* — If any provision or portion of this Act is declared  
19 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not thereby affected shall  
20 remain in full force and effect.  
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22 *Sec. 9. Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, ordinances, rules,  
23 regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any  
24 provision of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended, and/or modified accordingly.  
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26 *Sec. 10. Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in  
27 the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.  
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30 Approved,