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²2011 Revised Terms and Conditions of Certificates of Public Convenience and Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof

LTFRB's jurisdiction does not extend to them. Indeed, it is the Department of Transportation (formerly DOTC) which exercises supervision and control over the country's train systems, as it operates the MRT-3 and the two LRT lines (through its attached agency, the Light Rail Transit Authority).

This measure seeks to remedy the gap in the status quo without the added burden and complexity of institutionalizing in a separate law such grant of student discounts and without usurping the powers of the LTFRB, as we acknowledge that it has the function to "determine, prescribe and approve and periodically review and adjust, reasonable fares, rates and other related charges, relative to the operation of public land transportation services provided by motorized vehicle³."

With this, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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³ Executive Order 202, "Creating the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board"

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2 **AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF STUDENT FARE DISCOUNTS**
3 **IN ALL RAIL TRANSPORT SYSTEMS**

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

4 **SECTION 1. Short Title** – This Act shall be known as “*The Student Fare Discount for*
5 *Trains Act of 2016*”.

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7 **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy** - The State is mandated to establish and maintain a
8 system of scholarship grants, student loan programs, subsidies, and other incentives which shall
9 be available to deserving students in both public and private schools, especially to the
10 underprivileged, as provided for by Article XIV, Sec. 2, par. 3 of the 1987 Constitution.

11 In addition, the State seeks to remedy the gap in the status quo wherein public utility
12 vehicles (PUVs) are directed to grant fare discounts to student passengers through LTFRB
13 Memorandum 2011-004, but the same is and cannot be made to apply to our train systems as
14 LTFRB has no jurisdiction over the operation of the said train system.

15 To this end, the Department of Transportation (DoTr) and its concerned agencies are
16 hereby mandated to devise and establish a mechanism which will grant fare discounts to student
17 passengers of the LRT-1, LRT-2, MRT-3, and the PNR; *Provided*, that the same shall be made
18 applicable to future rail transport systems to be constructed and established for public use.

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20 **SECTION 3. Coverage** – This Act shall be applicable to all *bona fide* Filipino citizens
21 currently enrolled either in primary, secondary, or tertiary academic institutions, including
22 vocational and technical schools. Specifically excluded are those students enrolled under post-
23 collegiate programs or those enrolled under short-term courses.

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25 **SECTION 4. Student Privilege** – The students as defined in the preceding section shall
26 be entitled to a grant of twenty percent (20%) discount on the regular rates imposed by the
27 railway transport systems, upon presentation of their duly issued school Identification Cards
28 (IDs) or currently validated enrollment or matriculation forms, supported by other document/s as
29 may be deemed necessary to properly establish the grantee’s identity.

1 **SECTION 5. *Violations*** – The following shall be considered as violations of this Act,
2 and will be made subject to the penalties prescribed and imposed by the applicable law:

- 3 a) Use of falsified or counterfeit IDs to avail of the discount granted under this Act;
4 b) Use of another person's identity to avail of the discount granted under this Act;
5 c) Use of other means or machinations by which one illegally avails of the discount
6 granted under this Act.

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8 **SECTION 6. *Non-compliance and complaints*** – *Bona fide* students who are refused to
9 avail of the privilege under this Act may file their complaints with the respective agency or entity
10 operating the railway transport system subject of the complaint.

11 All complaints disposed of by the said agencies may be brought up to the Office of the
12 Secretary of the Department of Transportation for review.

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14 **SECTION 7. *Penalties*** – The DoTr shall prescribe reasonable penalties to impose on
15 non-compliant or erring operators of railway transport systems, but only upon due investigation
16 and after finding that a complaint to be true and valid.

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18 **SECTION 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The Department of
19 Transportation, in direct cooperation with the Office of Transport Cooperatives, the Philippine
20 National Railways, the Light Rail Transit Authority, the Metro Rail Transit Corporation, shall
21 formulate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act within
22 ninety (90) days after its approval. The rules and regulations issued pursuant to this Section shall
23 take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

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25 **SECTION 9. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act shall be held
26 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and
27 effect.

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29 **SECTION 10. *Repealing Clause.*** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
30 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or inconsistent
31 with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

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33 **SECTION 11. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
34 following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,