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EXPLANATORY NOTE

School teachers fulfil their duties beyond the ambit of their responsibilities. For the most part, it has become their tacit commitment to their students. That is why they have come to be called as the second parents to learners. The sacrifices they make in order to care for their students are priceless. Hence, their work does not cease after school hours. Once they get home, they judiciously go over the papers of the students to accurately assess individual academic performance. They painstakingly ensure that everyone is accounted for and that no learner is left behind. At school, they make an effort to reach out to every member of the class and keep an open line of communication and even go out of their own way to extend humanitarian favor to students who genuinely need it.

For the most part, their sacrifices go unnoticed. It's about time we did.

Hence, this bill seeks to grant all public and private school teachers a universal discount and courtesy card to honor their noble profession.

The immediate passage of this proposed measure is highly recommended.


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AN ACT

GRANTING A UNIVERSAL DISCOUNT AND COURTESY CARD TO ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "School Teachers Universal Discount and Courtesy Card Act of 2016."

SEC. 2. There shall hereby be granted a universal discount and courtesy card to all public and private school teachers extending twenty percent (20%) discount on goods and services in all major establishments, restaurants, theaters, recreation centers, transport services, medical and dental services including laboratory fees and extending courtesy that grants exemption from queuing up where it is called for.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education Commissioner, within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations for the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved,