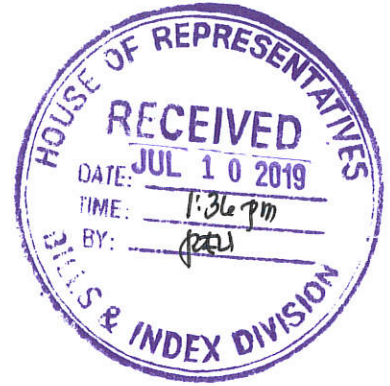


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Senior citizens comprise nearly seven percent (7%) of the Philippine's population with their number projected at 6.3 million.

As the population age, our senior citizens become more exposed to various risks and vulnerabilities. Most of the seniors who are working under the informal sectors are not covered by pensions and health care benefits. It remains a fact that this sector of society is having difficulties to keep up with the relatively rapid economic growth where prices of medicines, health care, basic goods and commodities, and house utilities are constantly increasing through time.

It is a declared policy of the State to 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. In the Declaration of Principles and State Policies in Article II, Sections 10 and 11 of the Constitution, it is further declared that the State shall provide social justice in all phases of national development and that the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights.

This representation believes that increasing the senior citizen discount from five percent (5%) to ten percent (10%) on their monthly utilization of water and electricity supplied to households registered under the name of a senior is indeed essential to mitigate the burden of our elderly.

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


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**AN ACT INCREASING THE RATE OF DISCOUNT
GRANTED TO SENIOR CITIZENS ON THEIR MONTHLY ELECTRIC AND
WATER CONSUMPTION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.
7432, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 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 (c) of Republic Act no. 9994 is hereby amended to read as
follows:*

“SEC 4. Privileges for the Senior Citizen. -

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(c) The grant of a [minimum of five percent (5%)] **TEN PERCENT (10%)** discount relative to the monthly utilization of water and electricity supplied by the public utilities: *Provided*, That the individual meters for the foregoing utilities are registered in the name of the senior citizen residing therein: *Provided, further*, That the monthly consumption does not exceed one hundred kilowatt hours (100 kWh) of electricity and thirty cubic meters (30 m³) of water: *Provided, furthermore*, That the privilege is granted per household regardless of the number of senior citizens residing therein;

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SEC. 2. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations, and other parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,