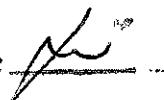


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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Presently, the grant of student fare discounts is only through a memorandum circular of the Land Transportation and Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB). This bill aims to put the thrust of the circular forward by institutionalizing the grant of a fare discount privilege to *bonafide* students on land, water and air transport utilities, not only during school days but also during Saturdays, Sundays, Christmas vacations and other holidays during a school year or school semester, whichever is applicable.

The proposed grant is envisioned to lessen the impact of the current economic difficulties and assist parents and students in shouldering the transportation expenses relative to the rising cost of education in our country. Majority of its intended beneficiaries belong to the indigent, depressed and under privileged sector. Hence, they need and deserve the assistance of the government.

Under the proposed measure, the fare discount privilege is available to students even during Saturdays, Sundays, Christmas vacation and other holidays to enable and encourage them to undertake researches and group studies. It is in recognition of the fact that during such days and periods students are returning to their respective communities to assist their parents and at the same time to get their allowances for the succeeding school week. Moreover, there are certain students, like medical interns and those undergoing military trainings and specialized studies, who are required to report during such days and periods.

Approval therefore is earnestly sought.

  
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AN ACT  
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF STUDENT FARE DISCOUNT  
PRIVILEGES ON LAND, WATER AND AIR TRANSPORT  
UTILITIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1           **Section 1. Declaration of Policy.** Pursuant to Article XIV, Section 1 of the  
2 Constitution, "the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality  
3 education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to  
4 all." In addition, Paragraph 3, Section 2 of said Article directs the State to establish and  
5 maintain a system of scholarship grants, student loan programs, subsidies, and other  
6 incentives which shall be available to deserving students in both public and private  
7 schools, especially to the underprivileged.

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9           **Sec. 2. Purpose.** Consistent with these Constitutional mandates, this Act aims to:

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11           a) To establish a mechanism that ensures the mandatory grant of fare discount  
12           privilege to deserving students.  
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14           b) To enlist the cooperation and/or support of transport utility owners to extend  
15           assistance to deserving students as a social responsibility through the  
16           observance of this grant; and  
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18           c) To encourage students, particularly the poor and underprivileged, to pursue  
19           quality education to secure their future and make them responsible citizens.  
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1           **Sec. 3. Definitions.** As used in this *Act*, the term “*student*” shall refer to any  
2 Filipino citizen, not more than thirty (30) years of age, and currently enrolled either in  
3 elementary, secondary or collegiate institutions, including vocational and technical  
4 schools. Specifically excluded are schools of culinary arts and short-term courses of  
5 seminar type.

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7           The term “*transport utilities*” shall refer to both public and private firms/  
8 companies duly authorized to engage in the conveyance of passengers, either by land,  
9 water or air for a fixed rate of fees.

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11           **Sec. 4. Privilege of Students.** The *bonafide* students under this Act shall be entitled  
12 to a grant of twenty percent (20 %) discount on regular fares upon presentation of their  
13 duly issued school Identification Cards (IDS) or current validated enrollment forms  
14 supported by other document/s to properly establish identity. Said fare discount shall be  
15 available during the entire school year for elementary and secondary students, during the  
16 semester for college students, and during the duration of a course for vocational or  
17 technical students, including Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, and Christmas vacations.

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19           **Sec. 5. Coverage.** This Act shall cover all *bonafide* students, except those  
20 specifically excluded therefrom as defined in Section 2 hereof.

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22           **Sec. 6. Filing of Complaints and/or Violations and Penalties.** Students who are  
23 refused from availing the privilege under this Act may file their complaints with the Office  
24 of the Secretary, Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) which shall  
25 direct the concerned board / authority / office, as herein identified, *to wit*.

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27           a) The Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) for land  
28 transportation utilities;

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30           b) The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) for sea/water transportation  
31 utilities;

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33           c) The Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) for air transportation utilities; or  
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1 d) The Legal Service, DOTC, for rail transportation facilities, including the Light  
2 Railway Transit (LRT) and the Metro Rail Transit (MRT) projects.

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4 **Section 7. Penalties.** After due investigation and findings the complaint to be true  
5 and valid, the following penalties shall be imposed as herein specified:

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7 a) For Land Transportation Utilities: Suspension of license for the erring driver,  
8 conductor or inspector for one (1) month for the 1<sup>st</sup> offense; two (2) months for  
9 the 2<sup>nd</sup> offense; three (3) months for the 3<sup>rd</sup> offense; and for subsequent  
10 violations, a three- month suspension of license, plus a fine of Five Hundred  
11 Pesos (P500.00) for each violation of the erring party.

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13 b) For Water and Air Transport Utilities: A fine shall be imposed against the  
14 erring firms/establishment or their authorized agents in the amount of One  
15 Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) for the 1<sup>st</sup> offense; Two Thousand Pesos  
16 (P2,000.00) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> offense; Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000) for the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
17 offense; and Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) for each subsequent violation.

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19 c) For Rail Transport Utilities: All rail transport utilities are mandate to observe  
20 the aforesaid fare discount privilege and designate a student / senior citizen fare  
21 booth in their boarding stations. Violation thereof shall be sanctioned or fined  
22 as indicated in the paragraph immediately preceding (item b, above).

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24 **Sec. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** The Secretary of the Department of  
25 Transportation and Communications (DOTC) shall direct the attached agencies or offices  
26 under his Department to prepare and formulate, within thirty (30) days upon approval of  
27 this Act, the Implementing Rules of this Act

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29 **Sec. 9. Repealing Clause.** All provisions of laws, decrees, orders, including rules  
30 and regulations Inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

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32 **Sec. 10. Separability Clause.** If any portion or provision of this Act is declared  
33 invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected thereby  
34 shall remain in full force and in effect.

1           **Sec. 11. *Effectivity Clause.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its  
2 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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4           *Approved,*