


FOURTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE )  
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES )  
*First Regular Session* )

7 JUL -3 P6 C?

SENATE

RECEIVED BY: 

S. B. NO. 892

Introduced by SENATOR EDGARDO J. ANGARA

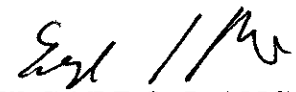
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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.

  
EDGARDO J. ANGARA  
Senator



- 1           b) The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) for sea/water  
2           transportation utilities;  
3           c) The Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) for air transportation utilities;  
4  
5           d) The Legal Service, DOTC, for rail transportation facilities,  
6           including the Light Railway Transit (LRT) and the Metro Rail  
7           Transit (MRT) projects.  
8  
9  
10

11           **Section 7. Penalties.** After due investigation and findings the  
12 complaint to be true and valid, the following penalties shall be imposed as  
13 herein specified:  
14

- 15           a) For Land Transportation Utilities: Suspension of license for the  
16           erring driver, conductor or inspector for one (1) month for the 1<sup>st</sup>  
17           offense; two (2) months for the 2<sup>nd</sup> offense; three (3) months for the  
18           3<sup>rd</sup> offense; and for subsequent violations, a three- month  
19           suspension of license, plus a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (P500) for  
20           each violation of the erring party.  
21  
22           b) For Water and Air Transport Utilities: A fine shall be imposed  
23           against the erring firms/establishment or their authorized agents in  
24           the amount of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000) for the 1<sup>st</sup> offense; Two  
25           Thousand Pesos (P2,000) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> offense; Three Thousand Pesos  
26           (P3,000) for the 3<sup>rd</sup> offense; and Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000) for  
27           each subsequent violation.  
28  
29           c) For Rail Transport Utilities: All rail transport utilities are mandate  
30           to observe the aforesaid fare discount privilege and designate a  
31           student / senior citizen fare booth in their boarding stations.  
32           Violation thereof shall be sanctioned or fined as indicated in the  
33           paragraph immediately preceding (item b, above).  
34  
35

36           **Section 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** The Secretary of  
37 the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) shall direct

1 responsible citizens.

2  
3  
4 **Section 3. Definitions.** As used in this Act, the term “*student*” shall  
5 refer to any Filipino citizen, not more than thirty (30) years of age, and  
6 currently enrolled either in elementary, secondary or collegiate institutions,  
7 including vocational and technical schools. Specifically excluded are schools  
8 of culinary arts and short-term courses of seminar type.

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

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

24  
25  
26 **Section 5. Coverage.** This Act shall cover all *bonafide* students,  
27 except those specifically excluded therefrom as defined in Section 2 hereof.

28  
29  
30 **Section 6. Filing of Complaints and / or Violations and**  
31 **Penalties.** Students who are refused to avail of the privilege under this Act  
32 may file their complaints with the Office of the Secretary, Department of  
33 Transportation and Communications (DOTC) which shall direct the  
34 concerned board / authority / office, as herein identified, *to wit*.

35  
36 a) The Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board  
37 (LTFRB) for land transportation utilities;

1 the attached agencies or offices under his Department to prepare and  
2 formulate, within thirty (30) days upon approval of this Act, the  
3 Implementing Rules of this Act

4  
5  
6 **Section 9. *Repealing Clause.*** All provisions of laws, decrees, orders,  
7 including rules and regulations Inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed  
8 and/or modified accordingly,

9  
10 **Section 10. *Separability Clause.*** If any portion or provision of this  
11 Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any  
12 provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and in effect.

13  
14  
15 **Section 11. *Effectivity Clause.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)  
16 days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2)  
17 newspapers of general circulation.

18  
19  
20 *Approved,*