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*Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez*

House Bill No. 5218

EXPLANATORY NOTE

At present, when Filipinos travel abroad, we are required to pay travel tax ranging from Php 300 to Php 2700 depending on which category you fall in and whether you are flying economy or business class.

This is an additional financial burden to Filipinos especially senior citizens and persons with disabilities who have many other expenses to consider specifically their medical expenses.

As such, senior citizens and persons with disabilities should not be required to pay anymore, or at the very least be given a discount.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this measure is earnestly requested.

  
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AN ACT  
PROVIDING TRAVEL TAX DISCOUNT TO SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH  
DISABILITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1183, AS  
AMENDED

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 2 of Presidential Decree No. 1183, entitled "Amending and Consolidating the Provisions on Travel Tax of Republic Act No. 1478 as amended and Republic Act No. 6141, Prescribing the Manner of Collection Thereof, Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof, and For Other Purposes", as amended by Executive Order No 283, series of 1987, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2-A. Unless otherwise exempted under Section 2 of the same decree, a reduced rate of P1,350 for first class passage and P810 for economy class passage shall be imposed on the following:

"(a) Individuals who are 17 years old or below but over two years of age;

"(b) Accredited Filipino journalists whose travel is in pursuit of journalistic assignments as certified to by the Press Secretary; and

"(c) Those authorized by the President of the Philippines for reasons of national interest.

**"A THIRTY TWO PERCENT (32%) DISCOUNT ON TRAVEL TAX IMPOSED ON FIRST CLASS AND ECONOMY CLASS PASSENGERS SHALL BE GRANTED TO THE FOLLOWING:**

**"(1) SENIOR CITIZENS DULY CERTIFIED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432; AND**

**"(2) PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES DULY CERTIFIED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277."**

**SEC 3. Repealing Clause.** – Section 2 of Presidential Decree No. 1183, as amended by Executive Order No. 283, entitled "Restructuring the Travel Tax Exemptions and Restoring the Reduced Rates on Certain Individuals, Amending for this Purpose, Presidential Decree No. 1183, as Amended" Section 4 of Republic Act No. 7432, entitled "An Act to Maximize the Contribution of Senior Citizens to Nation Building, Grant Benefits and Special Privileges and For Other Purposes," and Title Two of Republic Act No. 7277, also known as the "Magna Carta for Disabled Persons" are hereby amended accordingly. All other laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, proclamations, rules, regulations, issuances, and enactments or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SEC 3. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,