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**AN ACT REQUIRING FREE PARKING IN COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS  
FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, AND VALIDATED  
CUSTOMERS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Modern economic and political development have introduced cultural and socio-economic change to the country. One of which that has been acquired is the emergence of pay parking industry that where once, a parking space in any part of the country, made readily available to the public free of charge, as part of the complimentary services offered by the establishment. Today, the cost of parking has already become a daily expense we can longer ignore.

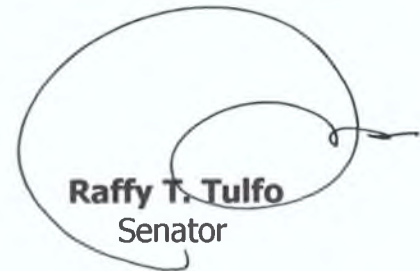
The State seeks to adopt measures and establish a program whereby our citizens are assisted and appreciated by the country, in honor of their services and contribution to our society. As a form of support, we want to make shopping more convenient and accessible. This program intends to grant senior citizens, people with disabilities, and validated consumers free parking privileges in commercial businesses.

Availing parties, who must either be the driver or a passenger of the private vehicle, are advised to present SC/PWD cards upon entry in the area of the mentioned establishments. Validated customers shall be required to present the validation stamp or sticker issued by the commercial establishment in order to avail of the free parking privilege. This "free parking" benefit, however, does not apply to overnight parking.

To this end, this bill proposes to institutionalize the exemption from payment of parking fees for senior citizens persons with disabilities, and validated customers all over the country.

This would in some way offer the paying public in the Philippines a small break from the current wave of fuel, energy, commodity, and other price hikes that the average salary rate is unable to adequately cover.

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

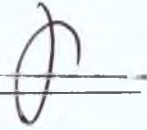


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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in  
Congress assembled:*

1           Section 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "Free Parking Act".

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3           Sec. 2. *Purpose.* – This Act aims to provide senior citizens, persons with  
4 disabilities, and validated customers with free parking privileges in commercial  
5 establishments in order to recognize their contributions to society and to make their  
6 shopping experience more convenient and accessible.

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8           Sec. 3. *Definition of Terms.* – For the purpose of this Act, the following terms  
9 shall be defined as follows:

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11           a) "Commercial establishment" refers to any retail store, shopping center, or  
12 similar business that provides goods or services for sale to the public.

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14           b) "Senior citizen" refers to an individual who is at least sixty (60) years old and  
15 is a resident of the Philippines.

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17           c) "Person with disability" or "PWD" refers to an individual with a physical or  
18 mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, as  
19 defined by the Magna Carta for Persons with Disabilities.

1 d) "Validated customer" refers to an individual who has made a purchase from  
2 the commercial establishment of at least P500.00 or such amount as may be  
3 set by the implementing rules and regulations and has been issued a validation  
4 stamp or sticker by the establishment.

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6 *Sec. 4. Free Parking Requirements.* – Commercial establishments shall provide  
7 free parking for senior citizens, PWDs, and validated customers. The following  
8 conditions shall apply:

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10 a) Senior citizens and PWDs shall be required to present a valid ID issued by  
11 the government, such as a senior citizen ID or a PWD ID, in order to avail  
12 of the free parking privilege.

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14 b) Validated customers shall be required to present the validation stamp or  
15 sticker issued by the commercial establishment in order to avail of the free  
16 parking privilege.

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18 c) Commercial establishments shall be required to designate parking spaces  
19 for senior citizens, PWDs, and validated customers, and these spaces shall  
20 be clearly marked and located as close as possible to the entrance of the  
21 establishment.

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23 d) The free parking privilege shall be valid for a maximum of three (3) hours  
24 per visit.

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26 *Sec. 5. Penalties.* – Any commercial establishment that violates the provisions  
27 of this Act shall be fined not less than PhP 10,000 but not more than PhP 100,000 for  
28 the first offense, and not less than PhP 50,000 but not more than PhP 500,000 for  
29 subsequent offenses. Repeat offenders may also face the revocation of their business  
30 permit.

31 *Sec. 6. Exceptions.* – The following commercial establishments shall be exempt  
32 from the requirements of this Act:

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- a) Establishments with less than ten (10) parking spaces; and
- b) Establishments located in areas where parking is not readily available or is not under the control of the commercial establishment.

*Sec. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act, in consultation with concerned stakeholders.

*Sec. 8. Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

*Sec. 9. Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, and administrative orders inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

*Sec. 10. Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*