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Introduced by Senator MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID

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**AN ACT**  
**GRANTING SENIOR CITIZENS, A MINIMUM OF FIVE PERCENT (5%)**  
**DISCOUNT ON THE FIRST 150 KILOWATT HOURS OF ELECTRICITY**  
**CONSUMPTION AND ON THE FIRST 50 CUBIC METERS OF WATER**  
**CONSUMPTION, AND EXEMPTION FROM THE VALUE-ADDED TAX (VAT),**  
**AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE**  
**KNOWN AS THE "EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS' ACT OF 2010"**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

There are several reasons why it can be beneficial to provide senior citizens with discounts on their electricity and water bills:

First is that it is a form of financial assistance to households with a senior citizen resident. Many senior citizens are on a fixed income and may struggle to pay for basic necessities such as utilities. Providing them with discounts can help alleviate some of their financial burdens and ensure that they can afford to live comfortably.

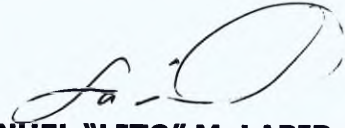
Second is that it provides a relatively affordable access to electricity and water, which are essential for maintaining good health, especially for seniors who may have medical conditions that require them to use medical equipment or take medication that needs to be stored and used at a specific temperature. Discounted bills can help ensure that they have access to these essential utilities.

Third is that it is a form of exercise of social responsibility. Providing discounts to seniors is a way of recognizing their contributions to society and showing gratitude for their hard work and dedication over the years. It is also a way of demonstrating that society values and cares for its elderly population.

Finally, providing discounts to seniors can stimulate the local economy as they are more likely to spend their savings on local goods and services, which can help create jobs and generate revenue for businesses.

Overall, providing discounts on electricity and water bills for senior citizens is a way of supporting them and acknowledging their contributions to society while also ensuring their basic needs are met.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lito M. Lapid', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

**MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID**

*Senator*



1           **ON THE FIRST FIFTY (50) CUBIC METERS RELATIVE**  
2           **TO THEIR MONTHLY UTILIZATION OF WATER AND**  
3           **ELECTRICITY SUPPLIED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES,**  
4           **AND EXEMPTION ON FROM THE VALUE ADDED TAX**  
5           **(VAT),** Provided, That the individual meters for the foregoing  
6           utilities are registered in the name of the senior citizen  
7           residing therein: [~~Provided, further, that the monthly~~  
8           ~~consumption does not exceed one hundred kilowatt hours (100~~  
9           ~~kwh) of electricity and thirty cubic meters (30 m<sup>3</sup>) of water:] and  
10          Provided, furthermore, That the privilege is granted per  
11          household regardless of the number of senior citizens residing  
12          therein."~~

13           **SECTION 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** — Within thirty (30) days  
14          from the enactment of this law, the concerned agencies named under Republic Act  
15          No. 9994 shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations.

16           **SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.*** — In the event that any part, section or  
17          provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court,  
18          the remaining provisions thereby shall remain valid and in full force and effect as if  
19          the sections or provisions so annulled or voided had never been incorporated herein.

20           **SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.*** — All laws, decrees, executive orders,  
21          issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof not consistent with the provisions of  
22          this Act are hereby repealed or modified and/or superseded as case may be by this  
23          Act accordingly.

24           **SECTION 6. *Effectivity.*** — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
25          complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general  
26          circulation, whichever comes earlier.

27           *Approved,*