

GRANTING OF TRANSPORT FARE DISCOUNT TO ALL SENIOR CITIZENS

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On February 26, 2004, Republic Act No. 9257, known as “An Act Granting Additional Benefits and Privileges to Senior Citizens, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 7432, otherwise known as An Act to Maximize the Contribution of Senior Citizens to Nation Building, Grant Benefits and Special Privileges and for other Purposes.” To implement said law, the corresponding Rules and Regulations (IRR) have been issued by the Department of Social Welfare and Development, and portion of said IRR reads:

RULE V

PRIVILEGES FOR THE SENIOR CITIZENS

Article 7. Privileges for the Senior Citizens. – The senior citizens shall be entitled to the following:

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Section 11. Public Land Transportation Privileges. – Twenty percent (20%) discount in public railways, including LRT, MRT, PNR, Skyways and fares in buses (PUB), jeepneys (PUJ), taxi and shuttle services (AUV) shall be granted for the exclusive use and enjoyment of senior citizens.

The Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC), Light Rail Transit Authority (LRTA), Philippine National Railways (PNR), Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) and Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) shall issue corresponding circulars or directives to the public land transport sector for the implementation of these rules to ensure compliance herewith, as well as requirements to these operators to disseminate information on the benefits of the senior citizens by posters, handbills or pamphlets on board their vehicles.

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However, it appears that only PUJs and PUBs have been granting fare discounts to senior citizens pursuant to the fare guidelines approved by the Board.

Hence, in compliance with the above-cited law and consistent with Section 5 (k) and (l) of Executive Order No. 202, the Board hereby directs all public utility operators and drivers to grant 20% fare discount to all senior citizens who avail of their services under the following guidelines:

1. To avail of the fare discount, all senior citizens should present their respective identification documents, as such as, but not limited to:

- a. Identification Card issued by the City or Municipal Mayor/Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) or of the barangay captain of the place where the senior citizen or the elderly resides.
- b. Passport of the elderly person or senior citizen concerned; or
- c. Other documents that establish that the senior citizen or elderly is a Filipino citizen who is at least sixty (60) years of age.

2. In the case of taxi service, the full 20% discount on the total taxi fare shall be given to the senior citizen regardless of the number of his/her companions.

3. For the other modes of transport (PUB, PUJ, GT Express), the 20% discount shall be based on the amount of fare corresponding to the senior citizen.

4. Any operator found in violation of this Circular shall be subjected to the following penalties:

First Offense – P2,500.00

Second Offense – P3,500.00

Third Offense – P5,000.00 and/or cancellation of franchise at the sole discretion of the Board

All other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby modified, amended, or superseded accordingly.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

SO ORDERED.

Adopted: 01 April 2009

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