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Introduction by Rep. Bernadette Herrera

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE FAILURE OF FOOD DELIVERY APPLICATIONS TO HONOR THE SENIOR CITIZENS DISCOUNT GRANTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH R.A. 9944 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010.”

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 9944, or the “Expanded Seniors Citizen Act of 2010,” any resident citizen of the Philippines at least sixty (60) years old is entitled to a twenty percent (20%) discount and is exempted from value-added tax (VAT) on applicable goods and services for their exclusive use;

WHEREAS, Section 3(g) of the said law specifically states that “For Delivery Orders, the 20% discount shall likewise apply subject to certain conditions; i.e. senior citizen ID card number must be given while making the order over the telephone; the senior citizen ID card must also be presented upon delivery to verify the identity of the senior citizen entitled to the 20% discount.”

WHEREAS, the development of technology has brought about the rise of on-demand services, including specifically those of food-on-demand where third-party delivery persons pick-up and deliver to customers their food ordered online. In the country, such third-party service providers include GrabFood and FoodPanda, among others;
WHEREAS, there is an increasing number of complaints from the senior citizens who could not avail of the 20% mandated by law for food deliveries using applications like Food Panda and Grab, among others;

WHEREAS, in this time of pandemic and quarantine where the liberty of the senior citizens are limited as they are considered of high risk of incurring the Corona Virus Disease (COVID19);

WHEREAS, the money equivalent to the 20% discount of the senior citizens may be utilized for the medicine and other maintenance expenses as well as other necessities;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the appropriate committee of the House of Representatives to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the failure of food delivery applications to honor the senior citizens discount granted in accordance with R.A. 9944 or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010.

Adopted,

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