COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1360

Submitted by the Special Committee on Senior Citizens and the Committee on Ways and Means on December 3, 2021

Re : House Bill No. 10568

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1903 and 3040


Mr. Speaker:

The Special Committee on Senior Citizens and the Committee on Ways and Means, to which were referred House Bill No. 1903, introduced by Rep. Mark O. Go, entitled:

“AN ACT
INCREASING THE RATE OF DISCOUNT GRANTED TO SENIOR CITIZENS ON THEIR MONTHLY ELECTRIC AND WATER CONSUMPTION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010’”

House Bill No. 3040, introduced by Reps. Estrellita B. Suansing and Horacio P. Suansing, Jr., entitled:

“AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 4 (C) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS’ ACT OF 2010”

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 10568 entitled:

“AN ACT
INCREASING THE DISCOUNT RATE AND EXEMPTING FROM THE VALUE ADDED TAX THE MONTHLY ELECTRIC AND WATER CONSUMPTION

Respectfully submitted:

HON. JOEY SARTE SALCEDA
Chairperson
Committee on Ways and Means

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THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
QUEZON CITY
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‘EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010’”

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

SECTION 1. Section 4 (c) of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended, is hereby further
amended to read as follows:

SEC. 4. Privileges for the Senior Citizens. - The senior citizens shall be entitled
to the following:

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(c) the grant of a minimum of [five percent (5%)] TEN PERCENT (10%) discount relative to the monthly utilization of water and electricity supplied by the public utilities AND EXEMPTION FROM THE VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT): Provided, That the individual meters for the foregoing utilities are registered in the name of the senior citizen residing therein: Provided, further, That the monthly consumption does not exceed [one hundred kilowatt hours (100 kWh)] ONE HUNDRED FIFTY KILOWATT HOURS (150 kWh) of electricity and thirty cubic meters (30m³) of water: Provided, furthermore, That the privilege is granted per household regardless of the number of senior citizens residing therein, AND THE REGISTERED SENIOR CITIZEN CONTINUES TO LIVE WITHIN THE HOUSEHOLD ADDRESS;

SEC. 2. Within thirty (30) days after the effectivity of this Act, the National Commission of Senior Citizens shall, in consultation with the Energy Regulatory Commission, Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System and other concerned utility regulatory agencies, as well as national organizations of senior citizens, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. All laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations, and other parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,