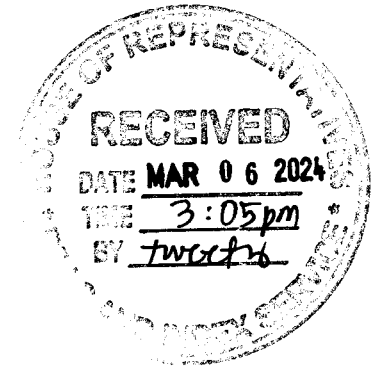


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

In the age of digitization and technological advancement, bridging the digital divide is crucial, especially for vulnerable sectors, such as senior citizens and persons with disabilities (PWDs).

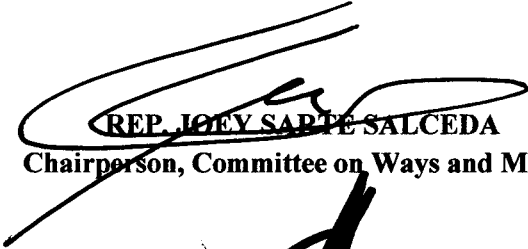
This bill is a product of five (5) joint deliberations of the Committee on Ways and Means, the Committee on Senior Citizens, and the Special Committee on Persons with Disabilities regarding their motu proprio inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the implementation gaps regarding Republic Act No. 7432, as amended, otherwise known as the “Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2003,” and Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, otherwise known as the “Magna Carta for Persons with Disability,” and policies that provide discounts, incentives, and tax exemptions for senior citizens and PWDs.

The Department of Information and Communication Technology (DICT) launched the eGov PH Super App in December 2022. The platform offers a comprehensive single portal for multi-sectoral government transactions and services, aiming to streamline access to government documents, permits, identifications, and clearances, thereby enhancing the ease of doing business for the public.

Recognizing the importance of inclusivity in digital governance, this bill seeks to integrate a dedicated section within the eGov PH Super App which shall cater to the specific needs of senior citizens and PWDs, and offer tailored services, information, and resources to empower them to navigate through available government offerings independently and confidently.

Moreover, the government may also utilize the eGov PH Super App to establish an alternative identity verification system and alleviate the need for presenting purchase booklets in order to facilitate the access of senior citizens and PWDs to benefits without undue hindrance. This can be achieved by seamlessly integrating the discount system into the sales processes of establishments, thus streamlining the granting of discount for the vulnerable sectors.

Given the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

1       SECTION 1. ***Declaration of Policy.*** – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to  
2 recognize and uphold the fundamental rights of Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities  
3 (PWDs), ensuring their equal access to government services and acknowledging their invaluable  
4 contributions to society.

5       The State shall promote inclusivity, equity, and accessibility in using technology so that  
6 Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) can readily access and benefit from  
7 government services through user-friendly and tailored digital platforms.

8       SEC. 2. ***EGov PH Super App.*** The Department of Information and Communications  
9 Technology (DICT) shall incorporate a dedicated section within the eGov PH Super App platform  
10 specifically designed for Senior Citizens and PWDs, which shall include the following:

- 11       (a) access to various government services, including healthcare and social services;  
12       (b) informational resources on their rights and benefits; and  
13       (c) a user-friendly interface with adjustable text sizes, voice assistance, and other  
14       accessibility features.

15       The eGov PH SuperApp shall serve as an alternative means for Senior Citizens and PWDs  
16 to apply for their identification cards (IDs) and access any government services.

1 Senior Citizens and PWDs may continue to avail of government services and assistance  
2 through their respective local government units.

3 SEC. 3. **Identify Verification System for Senior Citizens and PWDs.** In cases where Senior  
4 Citizens and PWDs do not possess their Senior Citizen and PWD IDs or mobile phones while  
5 availing discounts and accessing government services through establishments utilizing the eGov  
6 PH SuperApp, an alternative identity verification system shall be established to facilitate their  
7 access to benefits without undue hindrance. The alternative identity verification process shall  
8 include, but not be limited to, the following methods:

- 9 (a) personal identification through relevant information, such as full name, date of birth,  
10 address, or any other identifiable details available within the eGov PH Super App  
11 database, validated through personal questioning by authorized personnel; or  
12 (b) biometric verification methods, including fingerprint scanning or facial recognition, if  
13 available and applicable, to confirm the identity of the Senior Citizen and PWD.

14 SEC. 5. **Information Officer.** The DICT shall assign an Information Officer who shall  
15 ensure that the ICT systems for Senior Citizens and PWDs are developed, implemented, secured,  
16 and compliant with standards set by the DICT, and in accordance with relevant laws, rules, and  
17 regulations, including Republic Act No. 10173, otherwise known as the "Data Privacy Act of  
18 2012."

19 The Information Officer shall perform the following functions:

- 20 (a) Develop and supervise policies, strategies, and programs to enhance the accessibility,  
21 usability, and inclusivity of digital services provided to Senior Citizens and PWDs  
22 through the eGov PH SuperApp;  
23 (b) Coordinate with government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, advocacy  
24 groups, and experts on the welfare of Senior Citizens and PWDs to address the unique  
25 needs and challenges they face in utilizing digital platforms and to conduct training  
26 programs, workshops, and awareness campaigns about the functionalities of using  
27 digital services available through the eGov PH SuperApp;  
28 (c) Implement measures to ensure that the features for Senior Citizens and PWDs within  
29 the eGov PH Super App comply with accessibility standards, including varying levels  
30 of technological literacy and visual impairments; and

1 (d) Assess and improve the features for Senior Citizens and PWDs within the eGov PH  
2 Super App in response to their feedback, technical capabilities, and changing needs.

3 The recruitment, selection, and appointment of this Information Officer shall be in  
4 accordance with the civil service law, rules and regulations, and the competency standards  
5 prescribed by the DICT.

6 SEC. 6. ***Tax Administration.*** For purposes of tax monitoring compliance, business  
7 establishments shall record on the eGov PH Super App the transactions related to the goods  
8 purchased and services performed with twenty percent (20%) discount and exemption from value-  
9 added tax (VAT) granted to Senior Citizens and PWDs.

10 SEC. 7. ***Separability Clause.*** If, for any reason, any section, clause, or term of this Act is  
11 held to be illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional, such parts not affected by such declaration shall  
12 remain in full force and effect.

13 SEC. 8. ***Repealing Clause.*** All laws, presidential decrees, issuance, executive orders,  
14 letters of instruction, rules, or regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby  
15 repealed or modified accordingly.

16 SEC. 9. ***Effectivity.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
17 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

18 *Approved,*