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PLACIDO ENECIO HALL, SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD BUILDING ON AUGUST 14, 2008

PRESENT:

Hon. Nepomuceno P. Aparis I, Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer Hon. Claudio P. Larrazabal, City Councilor, Floor Leader Hon. Sotero M. Pepito. City Councilor, Assist. Floor Leader Hon. Demosthenes F. Tugonon, City Councilor Hon. Ruben R. Capahi, City Councilor Hon. Mariano Y. Corro, City Councilor Hon. Fe S. Lladoc, City Councilor Hon. Filomeno P. Maglasang, City Councilor Hon. Rafael C. Omega, Jr., City Councilor City Councilor Hon. Fernando P. Parrilla, Hon. Jose C. Alfaro, Jr., City Councilor Hon. Lea Doris C. Villar, Ex-Officia City Councilor, Chapter President, Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc Hon. Corinne M. Corro, Ex-Officio City Councilor. SK Federation President

ABSENT:

NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-157

A RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO AMEND THE EVAT LAW (R.A. NO. 9337) BY EXEMPTING PURCHASES, ESPECIALLY ON MEDICINES, BY SENIOR CITIZENS AS TO GIVE THEM THE FULL ENJOYMENT OF THE BENEFITS OF THE EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2003 (R.A. NO. 9257).

WHEREAS, the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2003 (RA 9257) provides a 20% discount on purchases by Senior Citizens;

WHEREAS, the EVAT Law (RA 9337) imposes a 12% tax on purchases including that made by Senior Citizens, hence, the 20% discount on purchases by Senior Citizens is negated by the EVAT Law. This is a case of what the right hand (RA 9257) gives is taken away by the left hand (RA 9337). In order that our Senior Citizens will be able to enjoy the full benefits of the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2003, it becomes imperative that their purchases especially on medicine be exempted from the 12% EVAT. The plight of our Senior Citizens should be considered as they are no longer productive as they were in the prime of their lives, hence the amendment of the EVAT Law to exempt purchases, especially on medicine by our Senior Citizens is urgently needed, considering further the economic crisis that our country is now experiencing;

FOREGOING PREMISES CONSIDERED, on joint motion of the City Councilors Fe S. Lladoc and Mariano Y. Corro, Chairman and Member, Respectively, of the Committee on Social Welfare, jointly seconded by City Councilors Claudio P. Larrazabal and Sotero M. Pepito; be it

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to pass a resolution RESPECTFULLY URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO AMEND THE EVAT LAW (R.A. NO. 9337) BY EXEMPTING PURCHASES, ESPECIALLY ON MEDICINES, BY SENIOR CITIZENS AS TO GIVE THEM THE FULL ENJOYMENT OF THE BENEFITS OF THE EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2003 (R.A. NO. 9257);

ADOPTED, August 14, 2008.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish copies of this resolution to - The President, Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, the Senate President, Hon. Manuel Villar, the Speaker of the House, Hon. Prospero Nograles, Congressman of the 4th District of Leyte, Hon. Eufrocino M. Codilla, Sr., the City Mayor of Ormoc, Hon. Eric C. Codilla, the President of the Federation of Senior Citizens in Ormoc City, and others concerned;

RESOLVED, FINALLY, to furnish copies of this Resolution to other Sangguniang Panlungsod and with the request that a similar Resolution be passed at their end;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

MA. AM ONIETA G. CO HAT

Supervising Admin. Officer)

ATTESTED:

NEPOMUCENO P. APARIS I Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer