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CLARIFYING THE USE OF SENIOR CITIZENS IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS IN THE AVAILMENT OF BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES UNDER REPUBLIC ACT (RA) NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010

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WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 9994 known as the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010" was signed into law on February 15, 2010.

WHEREAS, following the law's complete publication in newspapers of general circulation in April 2010, the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) for RA 9994 were jointly drafted by an inter-agency body composed of the key government agencies, together with various stakeholders from the private sector and senior citizens community.

WHEREAS, both RA 9994 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations provided for the use of proper identification documents as proof of eligibility of a senior citizen to avail of the benefits and privileges under RA 9994.

WHEREAS, Section 4 of RA 9994 specifically states:

"In the availment of the privileges mentioned above, the senior citizen, or his/her duly authorized representative, may submit as proof of his/her entitlement thereto any of the following:

- (1) An identification card issued by the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) of the place where the senior citizen resides; Provided, That the identification card issued by the particular OSCA shall be honored nationwide;
- (2) The passport of the senior citizen concerned; and
- (3) Other documents that establish that the senior citizen is a citizen of the Republic and is at least sixty (60) years of age as further provided in the implementing rules and regulations."

WHEREAS, Article 5.5, Rule III on the Definition of Terms in the IRR of RA 9994 likewise states:

"**5.5 IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT** - refers to any document or proof of being a senior citizen which may be used for the availment of benefits and privileges under the Act and its Rules. It shall be any of the following: