

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Iloilo  
Municipality of Tigbauan  
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE HONORABLE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN, TIGBAUAN, ILOILO HELD AT THE BENJAMIN MELLIZA HALL, TIGBAUAN MUNICIPAL BUILDING, TIGBAUAN, ILOILO ON FEBRUARY 2, 2005 AT 2:10 P.M.

PRESENT:

HON. ROEL T. JARINA,	Acting Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer
HON. SUZETTE T. ALQUISADA,	Councilor
HON. REMEDIOS T. TORRATO,	Councilor
HON. ROMEO T. LEDESMA,	Councilor
HON. JOSE T. TAVARRO, JR.	Councilor
HON. ALFONSITO E. ESTOCE,	Councilor
HON. ALFONSO C. BABIERA,	Councilor
HON. PEDRO T. RAPADAS,	Councilor
HON. JOSE DONEL T. TRASPORTO,	SKMF President

Official Business:

HON. AGATON O. TUMABOTABO,	Acting Municipal Mayor
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ABSENT:

HON. ORVILLO T. TANGENTE,	President, Liga ng mga Brgy.
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**Resolution No. 2005-015**

RESOLUTION STRONGLY OPPOSING THE MOVE BY FIVE (5) BIG DRUGSTORE/PHARMACEUTICAL CORPORATIONS ASKING THE SUPREME COURT TO DECLARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC ACT 9257 OR THE EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT (WHICH AMENDED RA 7432) GRANTING **A 20% PERCENT DISCOUNT** ON MEDICINE PURCHASES AND OTHER RELATED PRIVILEGES TO MORE THAN FIVE (5) MILLION SENIOR CITIZENS NATIONWIDE

WHEREAS, more than “Five Million Senior Citizens” nationwide are now enjoying the 20% percent discount granted by RA 9257 or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act, on their medicine purchases and other related privileges;

WHEREAS, there are five big Drugstores which have reportedly “...asked the Supreme Court to issue a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO), and eventually a Writ of Prohibition” to compel the government **not to implement** RA 9257 or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act, and to declare the same as unconstitutional;

WHEREAS, the above-stated Drugstores are alleging that they have incurred losses from the 20% percent discount being given to Senior Citizens, but they could not produce their books of account for purposes of transparency to prove their allegations that they have actually incurred such alleged losses;

WHEREAS, violators under the old amended law (RA 7432) were only fined P1,000, while the new Expanded Senior Citizens Act or RA 9257 imposes a minimum prison term of six (6) months, in addition to a fine ranging from P50,000 to P200,000 pesos;

WHEREAS, by imposing stiffer penalties, RA9257 or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act has more teeth to ensure strict **compliance** by all Drugstores thus “...all our Senior Citizens Nationwide can reap the full benefits of the 20% percent discount granted to them by our government”

WHEREAS, medicines now are very expensive, and so if this move by the above-stated Drugstores will prosper, **GOD** forbid, all our Senior Citizens who are mostly suffering from various ailments will be deprived of the 20% percent discount in the purchase of medicines for their urgent needs and maintenance;

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion of HON. ROMEO T. LEDESMA, Vice Chairman, SB Committee on Social Services, Senior Citizens, Disabled Persons & Cultural Minorities and duly seconded by Hon. Remedios Torrato, Be It

RESOLVED, AS WE DO HEREBY RESOLVED, to Strongly Oppose The Move By Five (5) Big Drugstore/Pharmaceutical Corporations Asking The Supreme Court To Declare Unconstitutional Republic Act 9257 Or The Expanded Senior Citizens Act (Which Amended Ra 7432) Granting A **20% Percent Discount** On Medicine Purchases And Other Related Privileges To More Than Five (5) Million Senior Citizens Nationwide,

RESOLVED FURTHER, in behalf of our Poor Senior Citizens, to earnestly appeal to Vice President NOLI DE CASTRO to stop this move by the Drugstores, he being the author of RA 9257 or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act when he was still a Senator;

RESOLVED FINALLY, to furnish copies of this Resolution to the following:

- 1. Vice President Noli de Castro
  - 2. Iloilo Provincial Board  
Through: Vice Governor Roberto “Obet” Armada
  - 3. Office of the Mayor
  - 4. Municipal Senior Citizen Organization (OSCA)
  - 5. All Concerned
- For their information, support, and appropriate action.

APPROVED.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was approved by the Sangguniang Bayan.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MARLENE T. NAVA  
S.B. Secretary

ATTESTED: ROEL T. JARINA  
Acting Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer