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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The problems with traffic nowadays become part of our daily miserable lives. People in all walks of life have to hurdle traffic congestions not only during peak hours, but almost 24/7, even weekends and holidays. Worst, it is not only confined in the major roads and urban highways such as EDSA, Roxas Boulevard, Commonwealth Ave., etc. Congestion isn't isolated in the vicinity of highly populated areas such as malls, ports, business center, among others. – the motor vehicles that continue to occupy the side streets, parked and idle, push carts, litters of all kind have been eyesores and a hindrance to foot and automobile traffic in most of our streets.

One major cause is the sudden surged of volumes of vehicles in the metropolis. Since most of the car/ vehicle manufacturers adjusted the terms in selling their brand new vehicles, wherein an interested buyer can own brand new vehicle with a minimum down payment of as low as twenty thousand pesos only (P 20,000.00), all-in. With that adjustment, any individual with a decent job can get easily own a brand new vehicle, and in the absence of this proposed law, a person can own as many vehicles He / She desires as long as He / She be able to pay it.

Motor vehicle owners should be made responsible to provide a permanent parking space for their private vehicles when they planned to have one, whether this is made an integral part of their house or building structure or a leased property. Public roads, even in private subdivisions is primarily intended for vehicular or foot traffic and should not be appropriated as personal parking spaces for these vehicles. Any financially- able purchaser of a motor vehicle can be presumed to be able to provide a parking facility for his / her vehicle.

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AN ACT

REGULATING THE SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN METRO MANILA AND IN OTHER HIGHLY URBANIZED CITIES IN THE COUNTRY BY REQUIRING A PROOF-OF-PARKING SPACE OR FACILITY FROM MOTOR VEHICLE BUYERS AS A PRE-REQUISITE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE AND REGISTRATION WITH THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "No Garage, No Car Act of 2019."

SECTION. 2. Declaration of Policy. -It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of the people to a balanced and healthful environment. The State also recognizes that the use of property bears a social function; hence it is subject to the duty of the State to intervene when daily lives are at stakes. Towards this end, the State shall promulgate measures to eradicate traffic congestion, provide safe and uncluttered pathways where people may freely walk through to their destinations, and maintain a clean and healthy surroundings by clearing the public roads and even private streets of parked motor vehicles and other illegal structures that reduce the space for ongoing human and vehicular traffic.

SECTION. 3. Scope and Application; Proof-of-Parking Space. - Any person, whether natural or juridical, with residence or business address in Metro Manila or City mentioned in this measure who intends to purchase a motor vehicle, brand new or second hand, shall be first required to secure a Barangay Clearance, attesting to the availability of a permanent parking space or facility or that property has been leased or procured specifically for the purpose of parking the motor vehicle intended to be bought.

The said clearance shall be presented to the Car manufacturer / Dealer and Land Transportation Office (LTO) as a pre-requisite for the purchase and registration.

SECTION 4: The Role of Barangay. – The Barangay must verify if the individual who intends to purchase a vehicle really own or lease a certain property in their respective area of jurisdiction for used as a parking space. Said clearance must be address to the car manufacturer or dealer chosen by the buyer.

Barangay may also assist the intended buyer to look for properties or even offer to lease a certain property owned or managed by the Barangay to the car owner.

SECTION 5: **Role of LTO.** —. The LTO shall make as a pre-requisite in the registration of a brand new vehicle the submission of the barangay clearance on proof of parking space prior to the issuance of vehicle registration and plate number.

SECTION 6: **Penalties.** – Any officer or employee of the Barangay, LTO and car manufacturer or dealer who has allowed the ownership and registration of a motor vehicle without the necessary document or clearance under Section 3 of this Act or with knowledge of the falsity of the statements in the instrument attesting to the availability of the permanent parking space or facility for motor vehicle, shall be impose a fine of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P 100,000.00), and be suspended from office for a period of six (6) months without pay.

An owner of the motor vehicle who violate this bill shall be suspended from registering a motor vehicle under his name for a period of three (3) years and imposed a fine in the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (P200,000.00) for every violation of the provision of this Act.

SECTION 7: IRR (Implementing Rules and Regulations) – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government, the Chairperson of the MMDA, the agency head of LTO and representatives shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 8: Repealing Clause. – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, memoranda, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9: Separability Clause. – If any part of provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10: **Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after it's publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.