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House Bill No.



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE ERIC L. OLIVAREZ

EXPLANATORY NOTE

There are several major Expressways in Luzon, namely, Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX), North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), South Luzon Expressway (SLEX), Muntinlupa-Cavite Expressway (MCX), Skyway, STAR Tollway, Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX) Tarlac-Pangasinan-La and Expressway (TPLEX) being managed by different tollway operators under the control and supervision of the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB).

The toll-free eves on Christmas and New Year has been a tradition of toll way operators of the Skyway System, South Luzon Expressway and Star Tollway for many years as a way of expressing their gratitude to the motoring patrons and as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility.

Motorists can pass through these three expressways free of charge from 10:00 PM of December 24 until 6:00 AM of December 25 and from 10:00 PM of December 31 until 6:00 AM of January 1.

As a way of giving back to the public, all toll way operators, through this bill, are mandated not to collect toll-fees from collecting toll fees from 10:00 PM of December 24 until 6:00 AM of December 25 and from 10:00 PM of December 31 until 6:00 AM of January 1.

The passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT MANDATING ALL TOLLWAY OPERATORS TO IMPLEMENT TAX HOLIDAYS FROM 10:00 PM OF DECEMBER 24 UNTIL 6:00 AM OF DECEMBER 25 AND 10:00 PM OF DECEMBER 31 UNTIL 6:00 AM OF JANUARY 1

SECTION 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as "Toll Free Holiday Act of 2019"

SECTION 2.Toll Free Period. Toll free holiday shall start at 10:00 PM on December 24 and ends at 6:00 AM on December 25 and from 10:00 PM on December 31 until 6:00 AM on January 1.

SECTION 2. Tax Deduction. All tollway operators may claim as tax deduction the actual cost of the implementation of this act.

SECTION 3. **Implementing Rules and Regulations**. - Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Toll Regulatory Board shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary for carry out the objectives of this act.

SECTION 4. Separability Clause. - If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder

of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SECTION 7. Effectivity Clause. -This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,