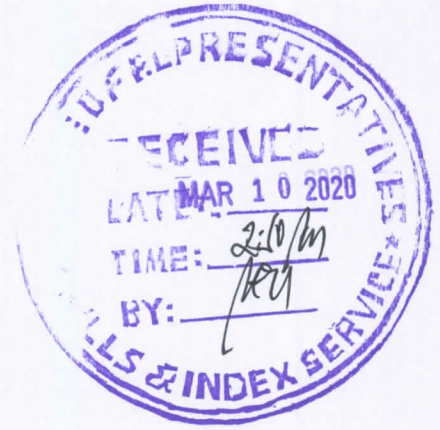


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The use of electric vehicles has been growing for the past several years. They are touted as a better alternative to the fuel-powered vehicles in terms of their environment impact and in lowering fuel costs.

However, serious concerns have been rising as several units of electric vehicles had caught fire in recent months in the United States, China, Hong Kong and in other countries. This is because the electric vehicles have combusted for no obvious reason.

While manufacturers of the units have stood by the safety of their vehicles, the unexplained fires have raised panic not only among their owners but the general public because of the randomness of the fire incidents.

This bill seeks to prohibit electric vehicles from being parked in enclosed parking spaces to minimize that damage that may be caused in the event of spontaneous combustion.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is urged.


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AN ACT
PROHIBITING ELECTRIC VEHICLES FROM BEING PARKED
IN ENCLOSED PARKING SPACES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Electric Vehicle Parking Act."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is the policy of the State to serve and protect the people. This includes the protection of property and promotion of the general welfare. In this light, policies must be established to protect car owners and the general public against undue harm and damages caused by unexplained combustion of electric vehicles.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. - For purposes of this Act, the term:

- (a) "Electric Vehicle" means any vehicle propelled by one or more electric motors, usually powered by an on-board battery pack and which is charged through a charging station; and
- (b) Enclosed Parking Space means any space devoted for the parking of vehicles that is walled and covered by a roof

Section 4. Enclosed Parking Prohibition. - The owner, driver or anyone who operates an electric vehicle shall not park the same in an enclosed parking space and shall only use open parking spaces.

SECTION 5. Penalty. - Any person who parks an electric vehicle in an enclosed space shall be penalized with a fine of not more than P50,000.00 and the revocation of his/her driver's license.

SECTION 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). - To implement provisions of this Act, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), in coordination with the Land Transportation Office, shall promulgate the rules and regulations within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 7. Separability Clause. - If any part or provision of the Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other Provisions hereof which are not affected hereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, rules and regulation inconsistent with the provision of this Act hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. Effectivity. - This shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in two (2) national newspaper of the general circulation.

Approved.