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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is our State's policy to provide for and ensure the safety and well-being of the people. We must also bear in mind that in addition to this, health and sanitation should also be a forefront variable in the proposals that we craft.

Various proposals on road safety and traffic management have been introduced in this legislature. However, another important aspect of travelling life is left unconsidered.

This bill seeks to accord public utility passengers the convenience of using sanitary facilities free of any charge. This is very important especially to travellers along long stretches of roads, especially in the rural and provincial areas

This bills also seeks to complement an earlier proposal that this representation has filed regarding the construction of public restrooms.

In this light, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROHIBITING THE COLLECTION OF FEES FROM PASSENGERS FOR THE USE
OF SANITARY FACILITIES IN LAND TRANSPORT TERMINALS, STATIONS,
STOPS AND REST AREAS

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

1 **SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy.** - Section 15, Article II of the Philippine
2 Constitution declares: "The State shall protect and promote the right to health and instill
3 health consciousness among them." The right of every establishment to a fair return of
4 investment carries with it a corresponding social responsibility to provide adequate
5 facilities for the comfort of its clientele. Towards this end, the State shall require the
6 owners, operators and administrators of land transport terminals, stations, stops and
7 rest areas to provide and maintain suitable and clean sanitary facilities, free of charge to
8 passengers and travellers.
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10 **SECTION 2. Definition of Terms – As used in this Act:**

- 11 a) Land transport terminal/station – a passenger station and a place for the
12 final stopover or a permanent station, office and yard of public utility
13 vehicles, which may also serve as loading and unloading area for
14 passengers;
15 b) Land transport stop – a common place for the stopover of public utility
16 vehicles located along the highways or regular route for transport in long
17 distance travel;
18 c) Rest area – a facility located at a strategic point along the national
19 highway or route of the traveling public which is provided with parking
20 space, restaurants or snack bars, other business shops, recreational
21 facilities, service stations, public restroom facilities or waiting sheds for
22 travelers or commuters; and
23 d) Sanitary facilities – a set of facilities that include at least a combination of
24 comfort room, hand-washing and drinking facilities.

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2 **SECTION 3. *Prohibition Against Imposing and Collecting Fees.*** – it shall be
3 unlawful for the owner, operator or administrator of land transport terminals, stations,
4 stops and rest areas to collect fees from passengers for the use of regular sanitary
5 facilities therein. For purposes of this Act, the concerned passenger must show the paid
6 bus ticket for the day in order to avail of the free use of sanitary facility: *Provided,*
7 *however,* That the provisions of this Act shall not apply to separate, well-appointed or
8 deluxe sanitary facilities that are operated solely for commercial purposes and for the
9 convenience of passengers who require and prefer such facilities within land transport
10 terminals, stations, stops or rest areas.
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12 **SECTION 4. *Penalty; Review of Penalty.*** – Any owner, operator or administrator
13 of land transport terminals, stations, stops and rest areas who violates the prohibition
14 under Section 3 of this Act shall be liable for a fine in the amount of Five Thousand
15 Pesos (P5,000.00).
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17 The Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) shall, after
18 five (5) years from the effectivity of this Act and once every five (5) years thereafter,
19 review the applicability and enforcement of the fine prescribed in the preceding
20 paragraph and the necessary adjustments on the amount of the fine imposed subject to
21 the approval of the Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Communications
22 (DOTC).
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24 **SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The DOTC and the LTFRB
25 shall, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, jointly promulgate the
26 necessary implementing rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.
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28 **SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.*** Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
29 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to,
30 or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended
31 accordingly.
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33 **SECTION 7. *Effectivity*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,