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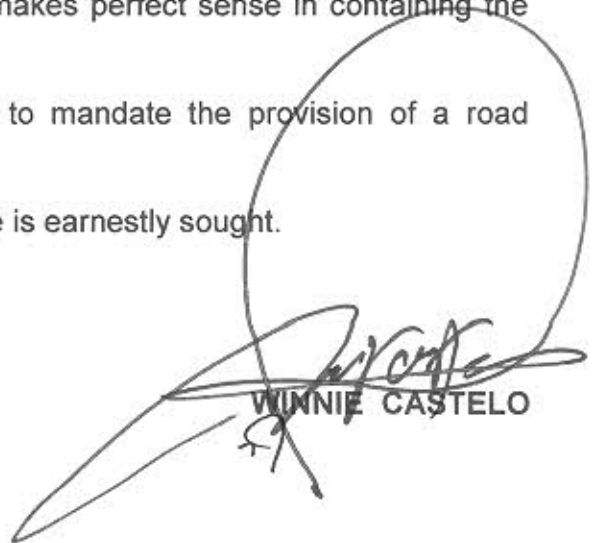
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

There are as many solutions as there are problems. The algorithm is so basic as to simply adopt it. Such is the case of one of the most crucial causes of heavy gridlock in the metropolis. Empirically, where there is a shopping mall, vehicular traffic is severe. From the convergence of vehicles stopping one after the other at a common stop, traffic standstill always results. However, as observed in some Metro Manila shopping malls with a road setback provision serving as special lane for continuous traffic flow, traffic is effectively mitigated. Such simple road setback makes perfect sense in containing the convergence of vehicles in shopping mall areas.

Hence, it should be a matter of legislative fiat to mandate the provision of a road setback among would-be shopping malls.

The immediate passage of this proposed measure is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
MANDATING ALL SHOPPING MALL OWNERS TO PROVIDE ROAD SETBACKS ON THEIR ESTABLISHMENTS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the 'Road Setback System for Urban Malls Act of 2016.'

SEC. 2. Every shopping mall owner is hereby mandated to provide a road setback on his or her establishment for the purpose of providing an extra lane for traffic ease and movement.

SEC. 3. The Road Setback Compliance shall form part of the requirements for the Environmental Compliance Certificate issued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

SEC. 4. Any shopping mall owner who violates the provisions hereof shall be fined with a sum of not less than FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00) and/or imprisonment of not less than six (6) months, upon the discretion of the Court.

SEC. 5. Any provision of law, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, contrary to, or inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect thirty (30) days upon its approval, publication in the Official Gazette, and in at least three (3) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,