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

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

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – Section 15, Article II of the
Philippine Constitution declares: “The State shall protect and promote the right
to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.” The right
of every establishment to a fair return of investment carries with it a
corresponding social responsibility to provide adequate facilities for the
comfort of its clientele. Towards this end, the State shall require the owners,
operators and administrators of land transport terminals, stations, stops and
rest areas to provide and maintain suitable and clean sanitary facilities, free of
charge to passengers and travelers.

SEC. 2. *Definition of Terms.* – As used in this Act, the following terms
shall mean:

(a) *Land transport terminal/station* refers to a passenger station and a
place for the final stopover or a permanent station, office and yard of public

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utility vehicles, which may also serve as loading and unloading area for
passengers;

(b) *Land transport stop* refers to a common place for the stopover of
public utility vehicles located along the highways or regular route for transport
in long distance travel;

(c) *Rest area* refers to a facility located at a strategic point along the
national highway or route of the traveling public which is provided with
parking space, restaurants or snack bars, other business shops, recreational
facilities, service stations, public restroom facilities or waiting sheds for
travelers or commuters; and

(d) *Sanitary facilities* refer to a set of facilities that include at least a
combination of comfort room, hand-washing and drinking facilities.

SEC. 3. *Prohibition Against Imposing and Collecting Fees.* – It shall
be unlawful for the owner, operator or administrator of land transport
terminals, stations, stops and rest areas to collect fees from passengers for the
use of regular sanitary facilities therein. For the purpose of this Act, the
concerned passenger must show the paid bus ticket for the day in order to avail
of the free use of the sanitary facility: *Provided, however,* That the provisions
of this Act shall not apply to separate, well-appointed or deluxe sanitary
facilities that are operated solely for commercial purposes and for the
convenience of passengers who require and prefer such facilities within land
transport terminals, stations, stops or rest areas.

SEC. 4. *Penalty; Review of Penalty.* – Any owner, operator or
administrator of land transport terminals, stations, stops and rest areas who
violates the prohibition under Section 3 of this Act shall be liable for a fine in
the amount of five thousand pesos (P5,000.00).

The Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB)
shall, after five (5) years from the effectivity of this Act and once every five
(5) years thereafter, review the applicability and enforcement of the fine

1 prescribed in the preceding paragraph and the necessary adjustments on the
2 amount of the fine imposed subject to the approval of the Secretary of the
3 Department of Transportation (DOTr).

4 SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The DOTr and the
5 LTFRB shall, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, jointly
6 promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations to carry out the
7 provisions of this Act.

8 SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders or
9 parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed,
10 amended or modified accordingly.

11 SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
12 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) national newspapers
13 of general circulation.

Approved,

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