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EXPLANATORY NOTE

A free parking policy should be carried out by owners and operators of shopping malls, supermarkets, schools, hospitals, hotels and similar business, commercial and public establishments precisely to protect the interest of the consumers as well as establish standards of conduct for business and industry as enshrined in Article 2 of RA No. 7304, also known as the Consumer Act of the Philippines.

Under this submission, there is hereby prescribed a 'Free Parking Policy' that shopping malls, schools, hospitals, hotels and similar business as well as public establishments shall promote for the interest of the consumers in accordance with the Consumer Law given that the provision of designated parking areas or facilities are actually a basic amenity that should be so provided lest such private or even public establishments would not have been allowed to be built.

This bill seeks to outlaw the collection of parking fees in light of an unregulated environment that may have overlooked the welfare of the customers or consumers they serve in order that they rake reasonable profit and viable return on their investments.

With these premises considered, the approval of this measure is therefore urgently prayed.



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AN ACT

PROMOTING A FREE PARKING POLICY IN SHOPPING MALLS, SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, HOTELS, AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. It is a declared State policy to protect the life, liberty and property of the general public consistent with the manifest role of the private and public sector to provide opportunities and incentives.

SEC. 2. This Act shall be known as the ‘Free Parking Policy Act of 2016’.

SEC. 3 Under this Act, owners and agents of shopping malls, schools, hospitals, hotels, and similar business or public establishments shall hereby promote a “Free Parking Policy” to all their customers and clientele.

SEC. 4. Any person who violates the provisions hereof shall be fined of not less than FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00) and imprisonment of not less than six (6) months, or both, 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rules and regulations or parts thereof, contrary to, or inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.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 after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved,