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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

A shopping mall is a form of shopping precinct or shopping center in which one or more buildings form a complex of shops representing merchandisers with interconnecting walkways that enable customers to walk from unit to unit.

People come and go to the malls for relaxation, recreation or for other commercial purposes either alone, with a friend or with family. Most of them go to malls bringing their private vehicles with them and the others commute. Commuters, especially during special sales or mall events, have a difficult time getting a ride particularly during rush hours. Likewise, the volume of human traffic patronizing these shopping malls contribute to road congestion and vehicular traffic especially when public utility transportation do not have designated areas for loading and unloading passengers.

This bill seeks to establish public transportation terminals inside shopping mall complexes to avoid congestion of public roads due to the improper loading and unloading of passengers.

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TERMINALS OF PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES  
INSIDE THE MALLS**

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

**Section 1. Short Title.-** This Act shall be known as the “**MALL TERMINALS ACT OF 2016**”.

**Section 2. Declaration of Policy.-** It is hereby the policy of the State:

- (a) To promote an environmentally sound and convenient access to transportation for its citizens.
- (b) To protect the welfare and safety of the commuting public and all road users.

Toward this end, the State shall promote that the access to public utility vehicles is afforded to the public as practicable as possible.

**Section 3. Definition of Terms.-**

- A. Mall- a large building or series of connected buildings containing a variety of retail stores, restaurants, movie houses and other recreational facilities.
- B. Public Utility Vehicles- refer to motor vehicles for hire and used to carry or transport passengers or goods.
- C. Terminal- any facility where passengers and freight are assembled or dispersed.

**Section 4. Responsibility of the mall owners and/or administrators.-** To avoid road congestion and afford convenient public transportation to mall patrons and the commuting public, it shall be mandatory on all mall owners and/or administrators to establish public utility transportation terminals within the mall complex where public transportation vehicles may load or unload passengers and goods. Mall owners and/or administrators must ensure that the location of such mall terminals and the flow of traffic to and from said mall terminals shall not impede the free flow of human and vehicular traffic along main roads or major thoroughfares.

**Section 5. Fees.-** Appropriate fees shall be paid by the owners and/or operators of the public utility vehicles for use of said mall terminals, and proceeds of said fees shall be used in the proper maintenance of the terminal facility.

**Section 6. Repealing Clause.-** All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, memoranda, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**Section 7. Separability Clause.-** If any part or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 10. Effectivity.-** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,