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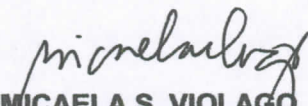
There are several major Expressways in Luzon, namely, North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), South Luzon Expressway (SLEX), Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX), Muntinlupa-Cavite Expressway (MCX), Metro Manila Skyway, STARTollway, NAIA Expressway (NAIAX), Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX) and Tarlac-Pangasinan-La Union Expressway (TPLEX) being managed by different tollway operators under the watch of the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB). Travelling on these expressways became truly an express journey especially for those traversing NLEX, SLEX and CAVITEX as toll operators provide their patrons Electronic Toll Collection System (ETCS).

This Electronic Toll Collection System cuts short the waiting time of the motorists when passing through the tollgates. It decreases the congestion of cash transactions in the toll lanes especially during rush hours and holidays when high traffic volume is expected. "E-Pass" and "Easytrip" allows a vehicle to just slow down through designated lanes and the toll fee is automatically deducted from their accounts.

For motorists who regularly use these expressways, they purchase reloadable tags from each tollgate operator to enjoy the benefits of the ETCS, each tag costs Four Hundred (P400.00) to Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00).

However, not everyone would purchase these devices or tags because each stretch of the expressway requires a different one. Motorists passing through NLEX must purchase the "EasyTrip" while those traversing SLEX must have an "EasyPass" and those that will pass through CAVITEX must have "EasyDrive".

This bill seeks to reward motoring patrons with discount incentives as a way of expressing gratitude for their loyalty to their respective tollway operators and as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility.


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**AN ACT MANDATING ALL TOLL OPERATORS TO GIVE DISCOUNTS TO
MOTORISTS WHO AVAIL OF ELECTRONIC TOLL COLLECTION SYSTEM**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Electronic Toll Collection System Incentives Act of 2019".

Sec. 2. Toll Discounts. - The discount percentages for those motorists purchasing reloadable tags shall be as follows:

- a) For purchases amounting to at least One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00), the discount percentage provided is 5%;
- b) For purchases amounting to at least Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00), the discount percentage provided is 10%;
- c) For purchases amounting to at least Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00), the discount percentage provided is 15%;and
- d) For purchases amounting to at least Four Thousand Pesos (P4,000.00), the discount percentage provided is 20%.

Sec. 3. Coverage. - The discounts to be given shall apply to EasyTrip, EasyDrive and Autosweep Radio Frequency Identification Technology Systems.

Sec. 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Toll Regulatory Board, shall formulate and promulgate the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 5. Separability Clause. - If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in force and effect.

Sec. 6. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations and administrative regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 7. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national papers of general circulation.

Approved,