# Republic of the Philippines HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2214



### Introduced by Representative ALLAN BENEDICT S. REYES

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

According to the records of the Metro Manila Development Authority ("MMDA'), in 2015, at least twenty-six (26) bike riders were killed in Metro Manila because of road crashes and at least nine hundred sixty-two (962) people were injured in bike-related mishaps. Further, in 2017, *Julia Nebrija*, an urban planner and MMDA's assistant general manager, acknowledged that the Philippines is "not bicycle-friendly." However, It is difficult to obtain information as to the number of bicycle riders as the Land Transportation Office ("LTO") does not require owners to register their bikes.

In a 2018 report by the World Health Organization ("WHO"), it said that the Philippines ranked third in the number of deaths at 45.3 per one hundred thousand (100,000) population due to outdoor air pollution, which is mainly caused by the "inefficient energy use in households, industry, the agriculture and transport sectors, and coal-fired power plants."

In 2014, this Representation was the principal author of *QC Ordinance No.* 2369, s. 2014, which required all business establishments in Quezon City to provide parking spaces for bicycles. Thus, this Bill seeks to make it more convenient for cyclists and those looking for alternative modes of transportation. By creating a safe parking area for bicycles, it will help reduce the number of vehicles on the road as well as the pollutants emitted from the same.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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#### AN ACT

MANDATING ALL COMMERCIAL/ BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS, HOSPITALS, GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND OTHER SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS TO PROVIDE FREE PARKING SPACES FOR BICYCLES, AND PROVIDING PENALITIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Mandatory Bicycle Parking Law of 2019."

**SECTION 2.** Declaration of Policy. - The 1987 Constitution provides that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."

Further, the Constitution states that "The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature."

Consistent with these principles, it is the duty of the State to support programs that provide for alternative modes of transportation which not only benefit the environment but also create a healthy and alert citizenry.

**SECTION 3.** Definition of Terms. - As used in this Act, the following terms are defined as follows:

- a. Bicycle Parking Areas refers to a range of free facilities allowing cyclists to park their bicycles safely, conveniently and in an orderly way.
- Covered Establishments and Institutions refers to shopping malls, markets, shops, fairs, hospitals, government institutions and other commercial establishments usually frequented by people.

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 **SECTION 4.** Coverage. - This Act shall apply to all shopping malls, markets, shops, fairs, hospitals, government institutions and other commercial establishments usually frequented by people either already with or without designated parking areas for vehicles, motorcycles and bicycles.

**SECTION 5.** Policy. - All covered establishments and institutions are hereby mandated to install a fixed structure, which shall serve as their designated bicycle parking areas. The number of allotted bicycle parking slots shall be determined by the Department of Transportation (DOTr) in coordination with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

**SECTION 6.** Penalties. - Any person found violating the provisions of this Act shall be punished by imprisonment of not less than 1 day but not more than thirty (30) days or a fine of not less than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000) but not more than Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000) or both.

If the violator of this Act is any of the covered establishments or institutions, the officer involved or in charge shall be punished with imprisonment of not less than three (3) months but not more than one (1) year or a fine of not less than One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000) but not more than Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000) or both.

In all cases, the manager, operator and owner of the covered institution or establishment shall be held liable for any violation of this Act and shall suffer the penalties as mentioned in the immediately preceding paragraph.

SECTION 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations and Standard Forms. - Within ninety (90) days from the promulgation of this Act, the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of its provisions shall be formulated by the Department of Transportation (DOTr) in coordination with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

**SECTION 8.** Repealing Clause. - All laws, ordinances, executive orders, administrative orders, rules, regulations, decrees and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby revoked, repealed, or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 9.** Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue in operation and remain in full force and effect.

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

Approved,