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**EXPLANATORY NOTE.**

According to the latest study of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, more than 80 percent of pollutants in the air are directly caused by motor vehicles such as cars, jeepneys and buses.<sup>1</sup> Due to this, our country has ranked third in the highest number of deaths due to air pollution with about 45.3 deaths per 100,000 individuals.<sup>2</sup>

The staggering information provided by the World Health Organization in May 2018 has exposed the detrimental effects of air pollution in our country. Hence, alternative modes of transportation such as the use of bicycle should be taken into consideration. It is a non-polluting and sustainable mode of transportation for daily commuters. It also boosts the vitality and wellness of an individual engaged in cycling.

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<sup>1</sup>Official Gazette. DENR eyes improving motor vehicle emissions in fight against air pollution. Retrieved from <https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/2010/09/16/denr-eyes-improving-motor-vehicle-emissions-in-fight-against-air-pollution/>

<sup>2</sup> World Health Organization. One third of global air pollution deaths in Asia Pacific. Retrieved from <https://www.who.int/westernpacific/news/detail/02-05-2018-one-third-of-global-air-pollution-deaths-in-asia-pacific>

This bill seeks to promote the use of bicycle as an alternative mode of transportation in to help in reducing air pollution and decongesting traffic. This bill provides for the establishment and maintenance of necessary infrastructures to promote safe and bicycle-friendly communities. Ultimately, this hopes to encourage our citizens to engage to a more environment-friendly, healthier, and more economical mode of transportation.

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



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**AN ACT**  
**TO PROMOTE THE USE OF BICYCLES AS AN ALTERNATIVE MODE OF**  
**TRANSPORTATION, ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATE INFRASTRUCTURE AND**  
**FACILITIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER**  
**PURPOSES**

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

1       Section 1. *Short Title.*— This Act shall be known as the “Bicycle-Friendly  
2 Communities Act.”

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4       Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*— It is the policy of the State to promote  
5 environmentally sound and affordable means of transportation for its citizens that  
6 shall serve as an alternative to fuel-powered vehicles. It is also the policy of the  
7 State to protect the welfare and safety of the commuting public and all road users.

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9       Towards this end, the State shall promote biking as a means of transport by  
10 establishing a comprehensive network of bike lanes and bike facilities, and a road  
11 safety program. The State shall ensure that the needs and safety of all road users,



1 particularly the pedestrians and cyclists, are fully integrated into the planning,  
2 design, operation, and maintenance of the country's transportation system.

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4 *Sec. 3. Definition of Terms.*— For purposes of this Act:

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6 (a) *Bicycle* or *bike* refers to a non-motorized vehicle consisting of a light frame  
7 mounted on two wire-spoked wheels, one behind the other, and having a  
8 set, handlebars for steering, brakes, and two pedals;

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10 (b) *Cyclist* refers to a person who rides a bicycle;

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12 (c) *Secretary* refers to the Secretary of the Department of Transportation  
13 (DOTr).

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15 *Sec. 4. Establishing a National Bicycle-Friendly Communities Program.*— There  
16 is hereby established a national bicycle-friendly communities program, hereinafter  
17 referred to as "the Program", under the Department of Transportation (DOTr) which  
18 shall promote safe biking in all towns and cities. The program shall include the  
19 construction and maintenance of bicycle lanes, parking, and support facilities. The  
20 Secretary shall also formulate an educational and awareness program on traffic  
21 safety. The Secretary may enlist the assistance of other departments or government  
22 agencies to carry out this section.

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24 *Sec. 5. Bicycle Lanes.*— There shall be designated bicycle lanes in all primary  
25 and secondary roads that shall serve as exclusive lanes for bicycle riders. Motor  
26 vehicles are prohibited from being driven or parked on said bicycle lane.

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28 The bicycle lanes shall be separated by a physical barrier and shall be clearly  
29 identified with signs and/or pavement markings. In cases where the installation of a  
30 physical barrier is not feasible, the lane for bicycles shall be identified through  
31 reflectorized orange-painted lines. Bicycle lanes must never compromise the mobility  
32 and safety of pedestrians. The bicycle lanes should traverse across all towns and

1 cities and connect to all major forms of transport, including airports and piers.  
2 Cyclists shall be required to bike within said lanes, unless no bike lanes have been  
3 designated on such roads yet.

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5 *Sec. 6. Bicycle Parking.*— All public places, government offices, schools, major  
6 business establishments, including malls, banks, restaurants, hospitals, and the like,  
7 are hereby required to provide bicycle racks for bicycle parking. Bicycle parking  
8 should be secure, visible, accessible, and not in the way of pedestrians or parked  
9 motor vehicles.

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11 *Sec. 7. Bicycle Infrastructure.*— In addition to the bicycle lanes and bicycle  
12 parking areas, support facilities shall be established to ensure that cyclists and their  
13 bicycles can travel safely and to lessen the possibility of collisions with pedestrians  
14 or parked motor vehicles. These facilities include but are not limited to the following:

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16 (a) Sidewalk improvements;  
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18 (b) Traffic calming and speed reduction improvements;  
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20 (c) Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements;  
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22 (d) Traffic signage pertaining to bicycles;  
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24 (e) Off-street pedestrian and bicycle facilities; and  
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26 (f) Traffic diversion improvements.

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28 *Sec. 8. Educational Program.*— The Secretary, in cooperation with the  
29 Department of Education (DepEd), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED),  
30 and local governments, shall establish an educational program to increase  
31 awareness on bike safety and road sharing. The program shall be designed for traffic  
32 enforcers, motorists, cyclists, and the commuting public. The program shall include:



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2 (a) Traffic education and enforcement;

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4 (b) Motorist Awareness and Road Sharing; and

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6 (c) Bicycle and pedestrian safety.  
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8 Sec. 9. *Carless Day*.— To promote the use of bicycles, the country shall  
9 participate in the annual celebration of World Car-Free Day. Pursuant thereof, the  
10 second Sunday of September is hereby designated as Carless Day. The Secretary is  
11 hereby mandated to determine the primary and secondary roads which shall be  
12 carless during this annual celebration.  
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14 Sec. 10. *Bike to Work*.— The DOTr shall establish a program that gives  
15 incentives to private and government offices that encourage their employees to ride  
16 their bicycle to work by providing for bicycle facilities within their establishments,  
17 lockers, and showers..  
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19 Sec. 11. *Penalties*.—  
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21 (a) Any person or establishment who violates the provisions of this Act shall  
22 be punished by a fine not exceeding One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00).  
23 When the offender is a corporation, the officers responsible for the  
24 violation shall be sanctioned with penalties provided in this Act.  
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26 (b) Any public works official who fails or refuses to mark and recognize  
27 existing main roads and highways or approve the construction of main  
28 roads or highways without the required bicycle lanes in their designs shall  
29 be punished with a fine of not less than Ten Thousand Pesos (Php  
30 10,000.00) but not more than Thirty Thousand Pesos (Php 30,000.00) or  
31 suspension, or both, if found guilty in an appropriate administrative  
32 investigation.

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2       Sec. 12. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*— Within thirty (30) days after  
3 the effectivity of this Act, a committee composed of the following members shall be  
4 created to formulate the implementing rules and regulations of this Act:

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6       (a) The Secretary of Transportation, or an authorized representative, who  
7       shall serve as the Chair of the committee;

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9       (b) A representative from the Department of Public Works and Highways;

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11       (c) A representative from the Department of Environment and Natural  
12       Resources;

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14       (d) A representative from the Metro Manila Development Authority;

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16       (e) A professor from the University of the Philippines School of Urban and  
17       Regional Planning; and

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19       (f) Two (2) representatives from various bicycle organizations.

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21       Within six (6) months after the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary shall  
22 promulgate and disseminate the implementing rules and regulations.

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24       Sec. 13. *Appropriations.*— The amount needed for the initial implementation  
25 of this Act shall be taken from the current year's appropriations of the DOTr.  
26 Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall  
27 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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29       Sec. 14. *Separability Clause.*— If any portion or provision of this Act is  
30 declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected  
31 thereby shall remain in force and effect.

1       Sec. 15. *Repealing Clause.*— Any law, presidential decree or issuance,  
2 executive order, letter of instruction, rule of regulation inconsistent with the  
3 provision of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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5       Sec. 16. *Effectivity.*— This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its  
6 complete publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,