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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the age of on-demand services. One can now simply have something delivered from the comfort of his couch through a mobile phone. A lot of businesses have already taken advantage of this trend by offering delivery as an added service for their customers. For instance, almost all fast food establishments in Metro Manila now offer cash-on-delivery services.

While the price of convenience is worth it for a lot of people, it is not so for couriers, messengers, liaison officers, or so-called "riders" who are tasked to deliver goods on a day-to-day basis, especially when they have to shoulder exorbitant parking fees in the conduct of doing their job. This happens often when the address of the recipient of the goods is located at the upper floors of a building. In this case, the rider is often forced to park his vehicle at a pay parking area. Some are lucky enough that employers allow them to reimburse their parking expenses, however, some are not. Sometimes, it is even the recipient of the goods who shoulders the cost of the parking.

Thus, it is the intention of this measure to mandate all private and public offices to allot at least thirty (30) minutes free parking for couriers, messengers, liaison officers, and motorcycle "riders" who deliver goods either as part of their employment duties or in the conduct of their businesses.

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


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AN ACT

MANDATING ALL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC OFFICES TO ALLOT AT LEAST THIRTY (30) MINUTES FREE PARKING FOR COURIERS, MESSENGERS, LIAISON OFFICERS AND MOTORCYCLE "RIDERS" WHO DELIVER GOODS EITHER AS PART OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT DUTIES OR IN THE CONDUCT OF THEIR BUSINESSES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE 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 "Free Parking for Delivery Vehicles Act of 2019".

SEC. 2. *Free Parking Areas for Delivery Vehicles.* – All private and public offices are hereby mandated to allot at least thirty (30) minutes free parking for couriers, messengers, liaison officers and motorcycle "riders" who deliver goods either as part of their employment duties or in the conduct of their businesses.

SEC. 3. *Scope and Limitation.* – This bill applies to delivery vehicles which handle point-to-point transfers of goods as booked or arranged either by the sender or the recipient.

SEC. 4. *Limitations.* – To prevent abuse and undue burden to covered institutions and offices, the following limitations are hereby imposed:

- (a) The time allotted for the free parking accommodation shall not exceed one (1) hour, or the actual time necessary for the delivery person to deliver the goods to the recipient, whichever is shorter.
- (b) Only one (1) parking slot per delivery is allowed for the free parking accommodation. Covered institutions or offices may choose to charge reasonable parking fees if the delivery requires the allotment of more parking slots due to the aggregate size or volume of the goods to be delivered.

SEC. 5. *Penalties.* – Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this law shall be punished with a fine of not less than Ten Thousand Pesos (PhP 10,000.00) to not more than One Hundred Thousand Pesos (PhP 100,000.00). Repeat offenders shall be meted out with the maximum amount of fine.

If the violator is a corporation, organization, or any similar juridical entity, the officials thereof directly involved shall be liable therefor.

SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) shall formulate and promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any part, section or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in force and effect.

SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations and other issuances, or part or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,