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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez

House Bill No. 4872

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines is currently experiencing a tourism boom all over the country. This means that more and more Filipinos are travelling all over the country which highlights the need to have clean and free public restrooms along national roads.

These public restrooms will promote public health and sanitation. Further, with clean public restrooms, we can eliminate a common situation where travelers will stop alongside highways to answer the call of nature.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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House Bill No. **4872**

AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC RESTROOMS ALONG NATIONAL
AND PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Land Transport Support Facilities for Hygiene and Convenience Act".

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the State to provide public restrooms along national and provincial highways and to develop hygienic practice among land transport passengers.

SEC. 3. Public restrooms shall be constructed every thirty (30) to fifty (50) kilometers apart along national and provincial highways throughout the country. These shall be erected within a distance of at least three (3) meters from the shoulder of the highway, zoning ordinance provision to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 4. The maintenance and supervision of the public restrooms shall be vested in the council or any nongovernmental organization (NGO) of the particular barangay where it is situated. A reasonable payment per head of passenger/user which shall be determined by the council/NGO shall accrue to the barangay.

SEC. 5. The collection from the use of the public restrooms shall be held in a trust fund. Income derived from the public restrooms operation shall be used for the development projects of the particular barangay and shall be fully covered with proper documents for purposes of audit, and to serve as a guide for the city or municipal mayor who shall exercise overall supervision over the utilization of such trust fund.

SEC. 6. The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), in coordination with the Department of Tourism (DOT), the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), shall be mainly responsible for the production of the standard-sized public restrooms and the programming of the implementation of this project. It shall see to it that these public restrooms are provided with accessibility features for disabled persons and are consistent with the provisions in Section 54 of Presidential Decree No. 856, otherwise known as the Code of Sanitation of the Philippines.

SEC. 7. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 8. All laws and parts thereof inconsistent with any provision of this Act shall be deemed repealed or modified as the case may be.

SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,