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Introduced by the Honorable Precious Hipolito Castelo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

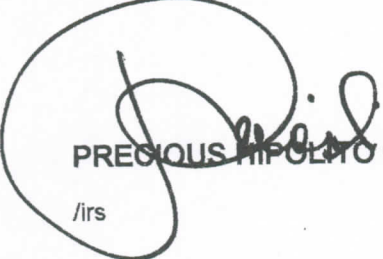
Cycling or biking has today become a well-accepted alternative mode of transportation. In fact, in many countries of the world, cyclists or bikers are a common sight and there seems to be no serious problem posed by this new transport modality.

In the Philippines, various local government units have already installed or allotted bicycle lanes in major roads and thoroughfares. Just this year, Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and Taguig City officials officially inaugurated a three-meter wide protected bicycle lane along Laguna Lake Highway. This is a victory not only among the cyclists themselves, as bicycle lanes are also envisaged to alleviate pollution and traffic.

However, while these bicycle lanes certainly promote cycling as an alternative mode of transportation, some would still rather commute through available public transport, due to the lack of bicycle parking areas in many public and private establishments and offices. A lot of people find it impractical to invest in having a good bicycle for daily use due to unavailable secure and safe parking spaces for bicycles.

As such, this measure intends to mandate public and private establishments and offices to install appropriate fixtures designed for use as bicycle parking facilities.

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


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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and other issuances, or part or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.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,

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AN ACT
MANDATING ALL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC OFFICES AND ESTABLISHMENTS TO
PROVIDE FREE PARKING SPACES FOR BICYCLES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES
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 “Free Bicycle Parking Act of 2019”.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to promote and protect the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. The State shall also protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology, in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.

Towards this end, the State shall support programs which promote cycling as an alternative mode of transportation.

SEC. 3. *Free Parking Areas for Bicycles.* – All private and public offices are hereby mandated to install appropriate fixtures designed for use as bicycle parking facilities.

SEC. 4. *Allotment of Bicycle Parking Slots.* – The number of parking slots to be allotted shall set out in the implementing rules and regulations of this Act.

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 Twenty Thousand Pesos (PhP 20,000.00) 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.