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Introduced by Congressman Harlin Cast. Abayon

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed bill seeks to impose stiffer penalties to owners/operators of public utility vehicles engage in the practice of out-of-line and colorum operation. It also penalizes the tampering of official receipts, certificates of registration of public utility vehicles and/or public convenience, without prejudice to the other provisions of the Revised Penal Code.

Time and again, we have seen a lot of rampant violation of traffic on administrative violations of out-of-line and colorum operations, as well as tampering of official receipts, certificate of registration of public utility vehicles and/or certificate of public convenience.

With the imposition of heavier penalties on violations of the provisions of the proposed Act, certainly it will put an end to these illegal practices and ultimately bring order and discipline in traffic management.

In view of the foregoing, early approval of the bill is requested.

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AN ACT

IMPOSING PENALTIES ON ANY OWNER/OPERATOR OF A PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLE VIOLATING THE OUT-OF-LINE OPERATION AND TAMPERING OF LICENSE PLATES, OFFICIAL RECEIPTS, CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES AND/OR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Any owner/operator of a public utility vehicle violating the out-of-line operation shall suffer the penalty of revocation of his Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) issued by the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB).

SEC. 2. Any owner/operator of a public utility vehicle found guilty of colorum operations shall, in addition to his liability under existing laws, suffer the penalty of confiscation of his public utility vehicle pursuant to the provisions of President Decree No. 1729.

SEC. 3. Any person found guilty of tampering the license plate, official receipt and/or certificate of registration for public utility vehicles shall be required to pay a fine of P50, 000.00 without prejudice to his liability under other provisions of the Revised Penal Code.

SEC. 4. As used in this Act –

a) “Out-of-line” shall mean operation of a public utility vehicle outside of its authorized route provided for under the Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) issued by the LTFRB.

b) “Colorum Operation” shall mean operating a motor vehicle to convey passengers for a fee without the corresponding CPC issued by the LTFRB.

c) “Tampering” shall mean erasing, forging, substituting, fabricating, or destroying any text substance or component provisions of a legitimate document or property issued by LTFRB such as the CPC, official receipts, license plates, etc.

SEC. 5. Any provisions of law, decrees, rules and regulations, and other issuances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication In two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,