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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Thousands of Filipinos frequent department stores, shopping malls and other commercial establishments everyday especially on weekends, where families would spend their time shopping, dining in restaurants, watching their favorite movies, playing at video arcades or just strolling.

However, one of the problems these shoppers encounter is the pay-parking space allotted by these commercial emporiums. Most shoppers find it unduly burdensome to be charged a parking fee when in fact it is the responsibility of these establishments to look after the convenience of their customers and provide for the necessary amenities. A parking space is akin to other accessory facilities such as lighting and ventilation, elevator, escalator or ambulators that department stores provide their customers. Shoppers pay albeit indirectly for the use of these facilities. Therefore, a parking area must be utilized without charge just as those facilities are enjoyed by customers for free.

Considering the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
REQUIRING DEPARTMENT STORES,SHOPPING MALLS AND OTHER COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS TO PROVIDE THEIR CUSTOMERS FREE PARKING SPACE

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

Section 1. There shall be provided a free parking space for all customers of department stores, shopping malls and other similar commercial establishments. The space must be sufficient enough to allow easy transfer from carpark to ingress and egress levels and complies with the requirements set forth in Section 803 of the National Building Code.

Section 2. The department stores, shopping malls and other commercial establishments may formulate their policies on the duration of the free parking and who can avail of the free parking space.

Section 3. The penalty of arresto menor or a fine of 200 to 2,000 pesos, or both shall be imposed upon any establishment that shall not comply with the provision of this Act.

Section 4. All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 5. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in at least two national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,