

Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila



Thirteenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3974

Introduced by Representative Arrel R. Olaño
1st District – Davao del Norte

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide city governments, through its Sangguniang Panglungsod, regulatory and franchising powers over the operation of public utility jeepneys (PUJs) plying routes exclusively within a city's territorial jurisdiction, amending for the purpose the Local Government Code of 1991.

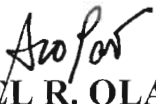
The construction and maintenance of city roads are paid for by a city's government funds. Terminals for public utility vehicles (PUVs) and waiting sheds for commuters as well as the lighting and sanitation needs of city roads are also paid for from the city coffers.

Granting city governments, through its Sangguniang Panglungsod, regulatory and franchising powers over the operation of public utility jeepneys (PUJs), which ply routes exclusively within a city's territorial jurisdiction, would generate much needed revenue for cities. These additional revenue may be used to defray, among others, expenses for the construction and maintenance of city roads.

This measure shall help curtail the operation of illegal or "colorum" PUJs because city officials will be at a vantage position to monitor and regulate the PUJs operating within the city. With only legitimate PUJs plying the city's thoroughfares, the volume of vehicles traffic shall be less.

This measure also pursues the State policy declared in Section 2 of the Local Government Code of 1991 that “territorial and political subdivisions of the State shall enjoy genuine and meaningful local autonomy to enable them to attain their fullest development as self-reliant communities and make them more effective partners in the attainment of national goals; and towards the end, the State shall provide for more responsive and accountable local government structure instituted through a system of decentralization whereby local government units shall be given more powers, authority and resources.”

In view of the foregoing considerations, approval of this bill is earnestly encouraged.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING REGULATORY AND FRANCHISING POWERS TO
THE CITY GOVERNMENTS OVER OPERATIONS OF PUBLIC
UTILITY JEEPNEYS PLYING ROUTES EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN
THE CITY'S TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991.

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

SECTION 1. Paragraph 3 (vi), Section 458 of Republic act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the 'Local Government Code of 1991' is hereby amended to read as follows.

“Sec. 458. Powers, Duties, Functions and Compensation. – (a)
The Sangguniang Panglungsod, as the legislative body of the City, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants pursuant to Section

16 of this Code and in the proper exercise of the Corporate Powers of the city as provided for under Section 22 of this Code, and shall:

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- (3) Subject to the provisions of Book 11 of this Code enact ordinances granting franchises and authorizing the issuance of permits or licenses, upon such conditions and for such purposes intended to promote the general welfare of the inhabitants of the city and pursuant to this legislative authority shall

X X X

- (vi) Subject to the guidelines prescribed by the Department of Transportation and Communication, regulate the operation of tricycles, PUBLIC UTILITY JEEPNEYS and grant franchises for the operation thereof within the territorial jurisdiction of the city: *PROVIDED*, THAT THE SANGGUNIANG PANGLUNGSOD SHALL GRANT FRANCHISES ONLY TO PUBLIC UTILITY JEEPNEYS PLYING

ROUTES EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN THE
CITY'S TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,