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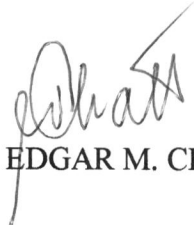
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Public utility vehicles must be available not only in the urban centers but also in the rural areas, to ensure commuters from remote areas a regular means of travel on a daily basis. This will likewise jumpstart the economy and improve the standard of living in the countryside.

Presently, however, the dearth of public utility vehicles versus the sharp influx of the commuting population in the rural areas can be effectively addressed by authorizing cities and municipalities to issue franchises for the operation of motorcycles as public utility vehicles. While the Local Government Code empowers these LGUs to regulate and operate tricycles, it does not mention the utilization of motorcycles for public transportation.

Support for the enactment of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT REGULATING THE OPERATION OF MOTORCYCLES AS PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTIONS OF MUNICIPALITIES AND CITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BOOK III, TITLE 2, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 3, SECTION 447, SUBPARAGRAPH (1), (VI) AND BOOK III, TITLE 3, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 3, SECTION 458, SUBPARAGRAPH (3), (VI) OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY, ENTITLED: *LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991*

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

SECTION 1. Book III, Title 2, Chapter 3, Article 3, Section 447, subparagraph (1), (vi) is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 447. *Powers, Duties, Functions and Compensation.* –

X X X

(3) Subject to the provisions of Book II of this Code, grant franchises, enact ordinances authorizing the issuance of permits or licenses, or enact ordinances levying taxes, fees and charges upon such conditions and for such purposes intended to promote the general welfare of the inhabitants of the municipality, and pursuant to this legislative authority shall:

X X X

(vi) Subject to the guidelines prescribed by the Department of Transportation and Communications, regulate the operation of MOTORCYCLES AND tricycles and grant franchises for the operation thereof within the territorial jurisdiction of the municipality;

X X X

SEC. 2. Book III, Title 3, Chapter 3, Article 3 of Section 458, subparagraph (3), (vi) is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 458. *Powers, Duties, Functions and Compensation.* –

X X X

(3) Subject to the provisions of Book II 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 Communications, regulate the operation of MOTORCYCLES AND tricycles and grant franchises for the operation thereof within the territorial jurisdiction of the city;

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SEC. 3. The Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) shall, within sixty (60) days, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,