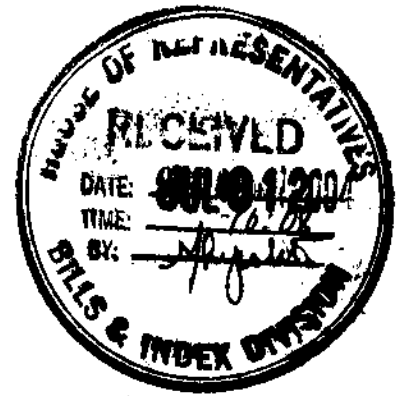


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Child-bearing mothers should be given the appropriate care and attention by the State, by implementing laws which will help her through the 9 months of pregnancy. This will enhance their welfare and the well-being of her child, and fortify the bonding of both mother and child.

This bill seeks to require owners, both natural and juridical persons of buildings, institutions, establishments and public utilities to reserve sufficient and suitable parking or seating spaces for the use of expectant mothers.

During the 12th Congress, this bill was referred to the House Committee on Social Services on 1st Reading. But due to time constraints it was never taken up again. This bill is therefore re-filed for the consideration of this Congress.


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AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, INSTITUTIONS, ESTABLISHMENTS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES TO RESERVE SUFFICIENT AND SUITABLE PARKING OR SEATING SPACES FOR THE USE OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS

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

SECTION 1. *Parking or Seating Spaces for Expectant Mothers.* – Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, public and private buildings for public use, educational institutions, airports, sports and recreation centers and complexes, shopping malls or similar establishments, workplaces and public utilities shall reserve suitable parking or seating spaces for the use of expectant mothers.

SEC. 2. *Signages.* – In case of public transportation, devices such as the prominent display of posters or stickers shall be used to generate public awareness of the rights herein instituted and foster understanding of the special circumstances of expectant mothers. Discrimination against expectant mothers in the carriage or transportation of passengers is hereby declared unlawful.

SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of Health, in coordination with the appropriate agencies shall, within sixty (60) days, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. *Penalties.* – Any person violating any provisions of this Act or of the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder shall, upon conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall suffer the penalty of imprisonment of not less than one (1) month but not more than one (1) year or a fine of ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) to twenty thousand pesos (P20,000.00), or both at the discretion of the court: *Provided*, that in the case of corporations, partnerships, cooperatives or associations, the president, manager or administrator, or the person who has charge of the building, space or utilities shall be criminally responsible for any violation of this Act and/or rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – 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,