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AT (Aangat Tayo), Partylist Representative

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article 2 of R.A. No. 7304, otherwise known as the "Consumer Act of the Philippines" provides that it is the policy of the state to protect the interest of the consumer, promote the general welfare and to establish standard of conduct for business and industry.

As a consequence of the said state policy, it is hereby declared that all shopping malls, markets, schools, hospitals, hotels, and other similar establishments are required to provide free adequate parking areas to its clientèle.

There is, however, a barrage of complaints from the public about the prevalent practice of most establishments and shopping centers to charge and collect parking of said fees from customers who use their parking areas, notwithstanding the fact that they are patrons of said establishments. The customers have no choice but to accept the terms and conditions, printed in small letters at the back of the parking ticket, which are often unconscionable, lopsided and disadvantageous to them, thus depriving them of their rights as consumers.

Moreover, the management of such establishments always deny responsibility for loss of any vehicle or any personal property left inside the car, even if the carjacking or robbery occurred inside their guarded parking areas.

In order to protect the consumers, approval of the attached bill is urgently requested.


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**AN ACT
REQUIRING OWNERS OF SHOPPING MALLS, MARKETS, HOTELS,
SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, AND OTHER SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS TO
PROVIDE ADEQUATE FREE PARKING AREAS FOR THEIR CLIENTELE AND
PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.**

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

SECTION 1. It is the policy of the State to protect the interests of consumers, promote their general welfare and to establish standards of conduct for business and industry.

SEC. 2. In pursuance to such policy, it is mandated that owners of shopping malls, markets, hotels, schools, hospitals, and other similar establishments to provide adequate free parking areas for their clientele and prohibiting the exaction of parking fees thereof.

SEC. 3. Any person violating the provision of the preceding section shall be fined of not less than Fifty thousand pesos (Php 50,000.00) but not exceeding One Hundred Thousand pesos (Php 100,000.00) and imprisonment of not less than six (6) months but not more than two (2) years or both fine and imprisonment upon the discretion of the court. If the offender is a corporation, organization or any similar entity, the officials thereof directly involved shall be liable therefore.

SEC. 4. Any provision of law, presidential decree, executive orders and rules and regulations or parts thereof, contrary to or inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.