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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Bill No. 3989

Introduced by Representative Arnel U. Ty

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to decongest traffic in the major thoroughfares by requiring shopping malls, hotels and similar commercial establishments to provide loading and unloading areas for public transportation.

It has been observed that there are always heavy traffic build up in front of big commercial establishments in major thoroughfares like EDSA because most, if not all, public utility vehicles line up to deliver and collect riders or passengers who are mostly shoppers in the area. The bottlenecks in EDSA include Cubao, Ortigas, Crossing, Ayala and Magallanes where many large commercial establishments are located.

Loading and unloading areas for public transportation, if introduced, are very practical way for similar establishments to enhance their economic viability and boost business potentials. They provide easy access for commuting consumers to patronize their businesses, in the same way that the Metro Rail Transits has several loading and unloading stations directly connected to commercial establishments. Thus regarded, the loading and unloading areas will practically deliver customers to the door steps of commercial establishments and at the same time minimize traffic.

Hence, the approval of this will provide a win-win situation for commuters, drivers, shoppers and commercial establishment owners and operators.

In view of the above-mentioned reasons, immediate approval of this bill is highly recommended.



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AN ACT IMPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF LOADING/UNLOADING AREAS WITHIN THE PREMISES OF SHOPPING MALLS, HOTELS AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall impose the construction of loading/unloading areas for public transportation within the premises of shopping malls, hotels and similar business establishments to provide easy access for their clients and unclog major thoroughfares and side streets near the said commercial buildings.

SEC. 2. No building permits shall be issued for the construction of business and commercial establishments which will not include as integral part thereof, loading/unloading areas for public transportation within the premises of the business and commercial buildings.

SEC. 3. Any business establishment that operates without the required loading/unloading areas for public transportation, in violation of this Act, shall be penalized with a fine of not less than One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00) but not more than Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00) every year until the said establishment complies with the provisions of this Act. All existing shopping malls, hotels and similar

establishments are given one (1) year from the effectivity of this Act within which to comply with the provisions hereof.

SEC. 4. The public officer who shall violate the provisions of this Act shall be punished by a fine of not less than Thirty Thousand Pesos (P30,000.00) nor more than Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) or suspension, if found guilty in an appropriate administrative investigation.

SEC. 5. The Chairman of the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) shall, in coordination with the Local Government Units, formulate, issue and promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations within one hundred twenty (120) days from the effectivity of this Act.

Sec. 6. Separability Clause - If for any reason, any chapter, section or provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, such parts not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 7. Repealing Clause - All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations and administrative regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. Effectivity - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.