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EXPLANATORY NOTE

WITH the spiraling cost of oil products, there is a serious need to find alternative modes of transportation and one of this is the use of bicycle.

However, the government lacks serious program to promote bicycle use despite the many benefits it brings, not only to health, but to the economy and environment as well.

This bill seeks to promote the use of bicycle with the joint cooperation of the national government, local government units and private sector.

The passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT PROMOTING THE USE OF BICYCLE

BE it enacted in the Senate and the House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

Sec. 1. Title: This act shall be known as "Bicycle Use Act of 2011".

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy: The State, through the Clean Air Act, recognizes that a clean and healthy environment is for the good of all and should, therefore, be the concern of all.

Part of this is the campaign to protect the air we breathe, and one of this is the use of bicycle which minimizes the use of motorized vehicles that emit carbon monoxide.

Sec. 3: Role of private sector: The private sector, including employers and establishment owners, is enjoined to help in the promotion of bicycle use through:

a. the establishment of secure and ample parking spaces and facilities like bike racks in all public and private commercial establishments, including but not limited to public markets, malls, restaurants and stores. The standard size of the parking space to be allotted shall be determined upon the formulation of the implementing rules and regulations of this Act.

b. the granting to legitimate bicycle-riding employees a 30-minute window before they be considered late, taking into consideration the long travel time they will take in reporting to work.

Sec. 4: Role of national government.

a. All government agencies should grant bicycle-riding employees a 30-minute window before they be considered late, taking into consideration the long travel time they will take in reporting to work.

b. In coordination with the local government units, the national government shall lead the establishment of bicycle lanes on all major thoroughfares all over the country.

Sec. 5. Role of national government units

- a. Monitor all private, public establishments and employers if they comply with all the provisions of this Act.
- b. Implement penalties to those who violate provisions of this Act.
- c. Ensure that bicycle lanes are properly utilized for the purpose.

Sec. 6. Penalties :

- a. Suspension and revocation of business permits of public and private establishments guilty of violating this Act.
- b. Building permits shall not be issued to contractors and builders of structures intended for public and commercial use if their plans do not include parking for bicycles.
- c. Fines and other penalties to private employers and heads of government agencies who violate this Act shall be determined in the formulation of the implementing rules and regulations of this Act.

Sec. 7. Appropriations: The amount needed for the implementation of this Act shall be taken from the annual general appropriations of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG).

Sec. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations: The Secretaries of Interior and Local Government and Labor and Employment, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Sec. 9: Separability clause: The declaration of unconstitutionality or invalidity of any provisions of this Act shall not affect the other provisions.

Sec . 10. Repealing clause: Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or is inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

Sec. 11. Effectivity: This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,