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EMPLOYEES (ALE) PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVE
HON. CATALINA "LINA" CABRERA-BAGASINA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to give visitors, clients, customers, and shoppers free and adequate parking space for all business and government establishments nationwide. The proposed bill shall be known as "Free Parking Space Act of 2012".

With the country's dynamic and evolving business districts, parking has recently a perennial problem. The severe lack of parking space is now a problem to most shopping centers, hospitals, restaurants, hotels, other business establishments and government offices.

The pay parking sections of some business establishments contribute to a substantial portion of their annual income. Instead of providing free and adequate parking space for its visitors, clients, customers and shoppers, some establishments take advantage of this opportunity and forget to give its patrons the service they need.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
MANDATING ALL BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHMENTS TO
PROVIDE FREE AND ADEQUATE PARKING FOR ALL VISITORS, CLIENTS,
CUSTOMERS, AND SHOPPERS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR
VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

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

SECTION 1. Title. This Act shall be known as "Free Parking Space Act of 2012".

SECTION 2. Condition. That the visitors, clients, customers and shoppers have made a purchase or have availed of the services provided by the said establishment, as evidenced by a validated receipt.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms.

Council – pertains to National Consumer Affairs Council which shall improve the management, coordination and effectiveness of consumer programs that affect the consumer community in general.

Establishment - A place of residence or business with its possessions and the like. It is a public or private institution, such as a hospital, school, office, restaurants, shopping mall, movie house, store, warehouse and places which import the same criteria.

Parking Space – a space where the vehicles and motorcycles of visitors, clients, customers, and shoppers can be parked.

Section 4. Composition of Council - The Council shall be composed of representatives from the following government agencies and non-government agencies:

- a) Department of Trade and Industry
- b) Department of Education, Culture and Sports;
- c) Department of Health;
- d) Department of Agriculture;
- e) four (4) representatives from consumer organization of nationwide based to be chosen by the President from among the nominees submitted by the various consumer groups in the Philippines;
- f) two (2) representatives from business/industry sector to be chosen by the President from among the nominees submitted by the various business organizations.

SECTION 5. *Penalties.* Any owner or establishment, whether private or private, who violates the provisions of the preceding section shall be fined with not less than Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 200,000). For second and third time offenders, suspension and revocation of business permits respectively.

SECTION 6. *Jurisdiction.* The jurisdiction of the complaint falls under the National Consumer Affairs Council under Republic Act 7394 or otherwise known as Consumer Act of the Philippines.

SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, administrative orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are deemed amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 8. *Separability Clause.* Any part of this Act that will be declared unconstitutional shall not affect the other provisions.

SECTION 9. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take fifteen (15) days upon completion of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,