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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution declares the duty of the state to sustain and protect its environment and natural resources. Specifically, Section 16 of Article II of the fundamental law states that

"The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature."

To this end, this bill seeks to encourage the importation and manufacture of hybrid automobiles in the country. A hybrid automobile refers to a vehicle which minimizes the total amount of energy to be consumed with respect to its fabrication, operation, and disposal, and represents a substantial improvement over existing electric and hybrid vehicles with respect to the total amount of energy so consumed. It uses an on-board rechargeable energy storage system and a fuel based power source for vehicle propulsion.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is hereby being earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS FROM PAYMENT OF CERTAIN TAXES ALL
MANUFACTURERS AND IMPORTERS OF HYBRID AUTOMOBILES

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

Section 1. Any person, partnership, or corporation whose primary purpose is to engage in the business of manufacturing or importing hybrid automobile shall be exempt from payment of import duties, customs, and tariff duties.

Such exemption shall also cover the importation and manufacture of the components and parts of hybrid automobiles.

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Section 2. The Bureau of Customs shall be the administrative authority tasked to implement the provisions of this legislation. It shall be authorized to promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for this Act.

Section 3. The tax exemption mentioned in this Act shall be subjected to review of the Bureau of Customs every three (3) years from the effectivity of this Act. The review made by the Bureau of Customs shall forthwith be submitted in a Report to the Congress.

Section 4. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 5. *Effectivity* – This act shall take effect fifteen days (15) after publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,