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EXPLANATORY NOTE

At present, data from the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) show that there are around 4,000 buses plying Metro Manila routes while there are around 7,000 provincial buses. This huge number of buses increases the chances of accidents involving these buses. It has been very common for Filipinos to read in newspapers or see on TV reports regarding accidents involving public utility buses (PUBs).

Data from the LTFRB also show that for 2011 alone, there have been 395 victims of bus accidents wherein there were 74 deaths, 300 injuries and 20 cases of damage to properties.

All these accidents happen because these PUBs drive all over the country as if they are in a race, always speeding and changing lanes without any concern for their fellow motorists.

One way to decrease these accidents is to limit the speed of these buses by installing speed limiters. These speed limiters are mechanical gadgets that are attached to the engines and transmissions of buses that will physically limit the maximum speed that these buses will be allowed to go.

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


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AN ACT

REQUIRING THE MANDATORY INSTALLATION OF SPEED LIMITERS ON ALL PUBLIC UTILITY BUSES WHICH WOULD LIMIT THEIR MAXIMUM SPEEDS TO 40 KILOMETERS PER HOUR FOR METRO MANILA BUSES AND 60 KILOMETERS PER HOUR FOR PROVINCIAL BUSES, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. It is hereby mandated that all bus companies operating in the Philippines install speed limiters on their buses which would limit the maximum speed of these buses to 40 kilometers per hour for public utility buses plying Metro Manila routes and 60 kilometers per hours for those plying provincial routes.

SEC 2. These speed limiters shall be purchased and installed by the bus companies themselves and shall be subject to regular inspection by the Land Transportation and Regulatory Board and the Land Transportation Office.

SEC 3. Registration of these buses and the renewal and/or approval of their franchises shall not be allowed unless speed limiters are installed.

SEC 4. Anyone caught tampering with these speed limiters shall be held liable to pay a fine not less than One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000) or imprisonment of not less than Five (5) Years or both for each violation. Further, the bus where the tampered speed limiter is installed shall be impounded and the franchise of the bus company involved shall be suspended for Thirty (30) Days for each violation.

If the offense is committed by a corporation, trust, firm, partnership or association or other entity, the penalty shall be imposed upon the president, vice-president, chairman, CEO and/or the guilty officer or officers of such corporation, trust, firm, partnership or association or entity.

SEC 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* – The LTFRB and the LTO shall promulgate the Rules and Regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC 6. *Separability Clause* – Should any of the provisions of this Act or any part thereof be declared invalid, the other provisions, so far as they are separable from the invalid ones, shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC 7. *Repealing Clause* – All laws, presidential decrees and issuances, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC 8. *Effectivity* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,