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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Almost everywhere, shopping malls, hotels, restaurants, hospitals and other commercial establishments allot parking spaces. These entities have practically built a whole new business anchored entirely on making money out of their car-parking facilities that should have been available for free to their customers. Because these parking lots offer convenience, they are patronized by their clients. What is disappointing is that despite the customers paying the fees, the owners or the management of these establishments do not claim responsibility and liability for the damage of the parked vehicles or the loss of belongings therein. This is contrary to the essence of the Consumer Act of the Philippines (R.A. 7394) which supposedly protects consumers against abuses by setting the standards or suitable conduct for business and industry.

There are many reported cases of accidents and robbery, and even loss of vehicles in the parking lots. These vehicles and belongings of the clients of business entities are no longer safe despite the presence of the guards. For being clients of these establishments, don't they deserve a certain consideration from the owners, operators and managers?

It is for this reason that the immediate passage of this bill is most earnestly requested.



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AN ACT
DEFINING THE LIABILITY OF THE OWNERS, OPERATORS AND
MANAGERS OF PARKING LOTS COLLECTING FEES, AND FOR OTHER
RELATED PURPOSES.

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

Section 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “Parking Liability Act”.

Section 2. Declaration of State Policy. – It is the policy of the State to protect the interests of the consumers, promote their general welfare and establish standards of conduct for business and industry.

Further, the Philippine Constitution, Article II, Section 5 provides that “The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy.”

Section 3. Liabilities. – In default of the persons criminally liable, owners, operators and managers of the parking lots and the like, collecting fees, shall be civilly liable for crimes committed therein.

Section 4. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act or the applicability of such provision to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, the validity of the other provisions of this Act and the applicability of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 5. Repealing Clause. - All laws, executive issuances, orders and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with this Act, or any part thereof, are hereby repealed, amended and/or modified accordingly.

Section 6. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette or at least in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,