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HOUSE BILL NO. 1008

Introduced by: **REPRESENTATIVE SALVIO B. FORTUNO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Many innocent lives have been claimed and others have been injured by reckless drivers of our public transportation system in their desire to earn a decent living. Practically, all these drivers are being paid on the basis of a boundary scheme wherein they earn on the basis of percentage on income. Under this system, drivers are forced to drive as fast as possible overtaking other public utility vehicles so they can have the passengers waiting for a ride even outside the station. Various opinion polls reveal that the boundary system have been the prime cause of road accidents that occur in our highways particularly where passengers abound, specifically along Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City, which have been identified as the Killer Highway.

This bill therefore seeks to offer remedy to avoid further loss of lives by giving fixed salary to our public transport drivers so that they will not be driving recklessly to catch as many passengers as possible because they will receive a fixed wage anyway.

Under this legislative measure, the boundary system of paying wages to drivers and conductors in buses, jeepneys and other types of mass transport system will be prohibited. Certainly, the occurrence of road accidents prevalent in our public transportation system will be minimized if not totally eliminated for the great benefit of the traveling public.

The foregoing reasons warrant the approval of this bill.


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AN ACT
PROHIBITING THE BOUNDARY SYSTEM OF PAYING WAGES TO DRIVERS
AND CONDUCTORS IN BUSES, JEEPNEYS AND OTHER TYPES OF MASS
TRANSPORT SYSTEM AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The boundary system of paying wages to drivers and conductors in buses, jeepneys and other types of mass transport system is hereby prohibited.

SEC. 2. Any person or corporation found guilty of violating this Act shall suffer the penalty of imprisonment of not less than six (6) months but not more than three (3) years or a fine of two hundred thousand (P200,000.00) or both at the discretion of the court.

If the offender is a corporation, the penalty shall be imposed upon its Chairperson or President.

SEC. 3. The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) shall, within sixty (60) upon approval of this Act, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days upon publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,