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House Bill No. **3150**



**Introduced by Representatives Mariano Michael M. Velarde Jr. , Jose L. Atienza Jr. and
Irwin C. Tieng (BUHAY Party List)**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Last 15th Congress, BUHAY Hayaan Yumabong Party List filed this bill and it was called House Bill 3960. This bill proposes the deployment of Philippine National Police (PNP) Personnel to act as Bus Marshals to Public Utility Buses nationwide.

With many bus-related tragedies like the Luneta Hostage Taking in 2010, the Cotabato Bus Bombing and several other bus bombings we think that there is an urgent need to zero-in on the safety of our public utility buses. We believe that deploying PNP Personnel will help promote the safety of public utility buses. With a Marshal on board in each public bus, pretty crooks thinking twice, terror plots derailed, reckless drivers disciplined, are just a few of the consequences surely welcomed by the riding public.

We cannot afford to sit back, relax and watch our public utility bus system crumble. Indeed, a safe public utility bus system is an element of an organized and progressive modern society.

With the urgency of the matter, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT DEPLOYING POLICE PERSONNEL TO ACT AS MARSHALS IN
ALL PUBLIC UTILITY BUSES**

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

Section 1. Short Title – This Act shall be known as the “*Police Bus Marshal Act of 2013*”

Section 2. Declaration of Policy – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote safety discipline in the public utility bus sector for the benefit of not only the riding public but all road users as well.

Section 3. Deployment of Police Officers as Bus Marshals. – Philippine National Police (PNP) Personnel shall be assigned to all operating buses throughout the country. This assignment shall ensure that a marshal oversees a public utility bus for the duration of its entire operation.

Section 4. Deputy Civilian Marshals – The PNP shall be authorized to deputize and train qualified victims to act as bus marshals and reinforce the police personnel assigned to marshal the public utility buses.

Section 5. Plain Clothing While on Duty. – In order to induce an atmosphere of normalcy, bus marshals shall wear plain clothing while on duty. Such clothing however, shall distinguish them from the riding public.

Section 6. Duties and Responsibilities. – The Police Bus Marshal shall be tasked to maintain peace and order inside the public utility bus during its operation and shall also ensure that such bus shall follow traffic rules and regulations strictly.

Section 7. Inventory of Public Utility Buses. – The Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) in coordination with the Land Transportation Office (LTO), shall submit to the Philippine National Police (PNP) an inventory of the public utility buses operating throughout the country. Said inventory shall contain an indication of the owner of the franchise involved, the bus routes plied, and the Local Government Unit having jurisdiction of the respective routes, among others.

Section 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), in collaboration with the PNP, shall formulate the necessary guidelines and promulgates rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

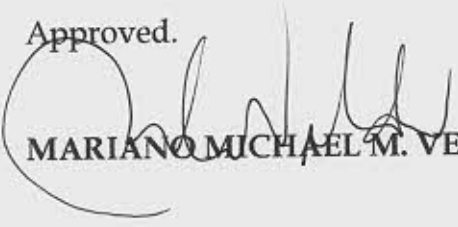
Section 9. – Appropriations. – Such sums as may be necessary for the immediate implementation of the provisions of this Act, is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Thereafter, funds for its implementation shall be included in the regular appropriations of the DILG and PNP.

Section 10. Separability Clause. - If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any other provisions not otherwise affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 11. Repealing Clause. - Section 34 (h), Article IV of Republic Act No. 4136 is hereby amended and, furthermore, any law, executive order, decree, issuance, ordinance, rule and regulation or any part thereof contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is also hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

Section 12 Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.



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