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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The traffic problem has seen unprecedented heights in some of the major cities in the country. The worsening traffic condition, and the lack of traffic discipline among public utility vehicles, including buses and jeepneys, contribute to the growing problem. It has been common practice for buses and jeepneys to indiscriminately load and unload passengers on the city streets notwithstanding designated "loading and unloading" zones.

Particular to the source of this problem is the refusal of drivers as well as passengers in alighting and riding buses and jeepneys in the proper bus stops and jeepney stops, contributing to traffic congestion and sometimes, vehicular accidents.

This bill seeks to implement strict adherence to rules on loading and unloading of passengers on designated bus stops and jeepney stops which will be addressed by a coordinated implementing and monitoring arm led by the LGUs and the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC).

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


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**AN ACT PENALIZING LOADING AND UNLOADING OF PASSENGERS IN
ARBITRARY PLACES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. It is the declared policy of the State to promote the general welfare of the people. In line with this, the State endeavors to curb the traffic problem in the country and to lessen, if not to eliminate, road congestion in urban places.

SECTION 3. Prohibition. Pursuant to existing designated bus stops and jeepney stops, no bus or public utility jeepney (PUJ) shall load or unload passengers except in designated places provided for by law or determined by the corresponding regulatory body.

SECTION 4. Penalty. Any passenger, driver and/or conductor of a bus or a PUJ caught violating the provisions of this Act shall, in the case of a driver and/or conductor, have his licensed confiscated, and in all cases, be made to pay a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (PhP 500.00) to Two Thousand Pesos (PhP 2000.00). Moreover, the erring person shall be required to attend a seminar conducted by the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in coordination with the local government unit.

SECTION 5. Agencies Designated. The Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) and the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in coordination with local government units ~~and the Baccod Traffic Authority Office (BTAO)~~ shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days after its effectivity. They shall also conduct regular evaluation of the implementation of this Act.

SECTION 6. Appropriations. Appropriations needed for the implementation of this Act shall be derived from the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) of the LGUs and from sources provided by the Land Transportation Office and other government agencies.

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

SECTION 8. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act is declared

unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected thereof.

SECTION 9. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,