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Introduced by Representative H. Harry L. Roque Jr.

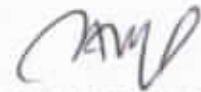
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Currently the majority of parking places designated for use by disabled people is not legally enforceable and is frequently used by unauthorized drivers. The occupation of these parking places by non-disabled people prevents disabled people from being able to access them, which in turn can prevent them from being able to access essential services.

The main policy objective of this bill is to prevent disabled persons' parking places being occupied by those that are not entitled to use them by seeking to ensure that enforcement action can be taken.

The bill will make all permanent disabled street parking places enforceable. It requires local authorities to identify all existing relevant unenforceable disabled street parking places and promote orders for those still required. For those that are no longer required then the bill requires the local authority to remove any road markings or sign posts. In relation to off-street parking the local authority will be required to promote an order for disabled persons' parking places in the public car parks it owns. The bill also requires the local authority to contact owners or persons having an interest in private car parks including supermarkets and out of town retail centers to seek to negotiate an agreement which would

enable the local authority to promote an order to make the disabled persons' parking places enforceable.*



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* This bill was originally filed by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago in the Sixteenth Congress, First Regular Session.

1 b) For any person to obstruct, block, or otherwise bar access to those parking stalls or
2 spaces

3 Any vehicle operator who is not physically disabled shall not use the handicapped
4 parking space unless there is a physically disabled person in the vehicle, or while the vehicle
5 is being used to transport a physically disabled person.

6 SECTION 4. *Presumption.* – The presence of any vehicle found parked or stopped in
7 violation of any of the parking restrictions imposed herein, shall be prima facie evidence that
8 the person in whose name such vehicle is registered, committed or authorized such violation.

9 SECTION 5. *Penalty Clause.* – Performance of any of the prohibited acts in the
10 manner described in this Act shall be punishable by *arresto menor* or a fine of not less than
11 Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00), or both, at the discretion of the court.

12 SECTION 6. *Appropriations.* – To carry out the provisions of this Act, such amount
13 as hereby necessary is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the National Treasury.

14 SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or
15 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
16 valid and subsisting.

17 SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
18 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent
19 with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

1 SECTION 9. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
2 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,