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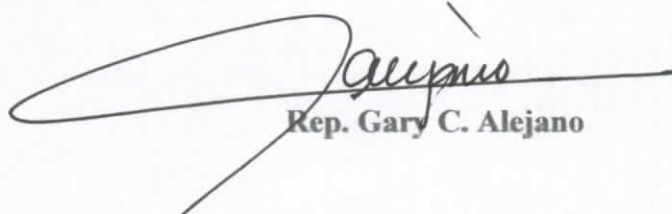
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Included at the forefront of our country's problems is the worsening state of our transport infrastructure, which has led to the congestion of our major roads and highways. Consequently, the extreme concentration of motorized vehicles in the country's urban centers has also exacerbated the already too apparent threat of air pollution.

Resolving such problems requires all of us into manifesting the much needed political will into one concerted effort. In view of this, the government, as the bulwark of the Filipino people, should lead such efforts in resolving the traffic crisis and be the primary role models in promoting sustainable growth.

This proposed bill seeks to provide a measure for positive reinforcement in resolving said issues by incentivizing government employees who so choose to forego the use of single-occupancy motor vehicles in favor of commuting via public transportation to and fro their respective government offices. If successful, this will not only alleviate the traffic condition and minimize air pollution, but also set a precedent for the general public to emulate.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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1 **AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAMS TO**
2 **ENCOURAGE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TO COMMUTE BY MEANS OTHER**
3 **THAN SINGLE-OCCUPANCY MOTOR VEHICLES**

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5 **SEC. 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “Government Employees Clean Air
6 Incentives Act.”

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8 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to improve
9 air quality and to reduce traffic congestion by providing for the establishment of programs to
10 encourage government employees to commute by means other than single-occupancy motor
11 vehicles.

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13 **SEC. 3. *Definitions.*** – For the purpose of this Act:

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15 **Employee** means any such employee employed in the civil service as defined in Article
16 II, Section 3 of the Civil Service Act of 1959 (R.A. 2260).

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18 **Agency** means an executive agency, an entity of the legislative branch, and the judicial
19 branch.

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21 **SEC. 4. *Programs to Encourage Commuting by Means other than Single-Occupancy***
22 ***Vehicles.*** – The head of each agency may establish a program to encourage employees of such
23 agency to use means other than single-occupancy motor vehicles to commute to or from work.

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25 A program established under this Act may involve such options as—

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27 a) transit passes (including cash reimbursements therefor, but only if a voucher or
28 similar item which may be exchanged only if a transit pass is not readily available
29 for direct distribution by the agency);
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1 b) furnishing space, facilities, or services to bicyclists; and

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3 c) any non-monetary incentive which the agency head may otherwise offer under
4 any other provision of law or other authority

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6 **SEC. 5. *Agential Functions.*** — The functions of an agency head under this Act shall—

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8 a) with respect to the judicial branch, be carried out by the Director of the Office of
9 the Administrative Services of the Supreme Court;

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11 b) with respect to the House of Representatives, be carried out by the Deputy
12 Secretary General for Administration of the House Secretariat;

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14 c) with respect to the Senate, be carried out by the Office of the Senate Secretary
15 of the Senate.

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17 d) with respect to the executive branch, the President shall designate 1 or more
18 agencies which shall—

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20 1) prescribe guidelines for programs under this section;

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22 2) on request, furnish information or technical advice on the design or
23 operation of any program under this section; and

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25 3) submit to the President and the Congress, after 9 months of the enactment
26 of this Act, and at least every 2 years thereafter, a written report on the
27 operation of this Act, including with respect to the period covered by the
28 report—

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30 A) the number of agencies offering programs under this Act;

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32 B) a brief description of each of the various programs;

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34 C) the extent of employee participation in, and the costs to the
35 Government associated with, each of the various programs;

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37 D) an assessment of any environmental or other benefits realized as
38 a result of programs established under this section; and

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40 E) any other matter which may be appropriate.

1 **SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The implementing rules and regulations
2 necessary to implement the provisions of this Act shall be promulgated by the respective
3 participating government agencies.
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5 **SEC. 7. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary to carry out the implementation of this
6 Act shall be charged against each respective agencies' appropriated funding.
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8 **SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision, section or part of this Act shall be declared
9 unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, invalidate or impair any other
10 provisions, sections or parts thereof.
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12 **SEC. 9. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect immediately.

Approved,