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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In spite of rising fuel costs, more and more vehicles are clogging the streets, not only of Metro Manila, but of the urbanized cities nationwide. Due to congestion, perennial problems in the land transportation system are highlighted such as lack of road discipline of drivers as well as pedestrians, non-compliance to emissions and vehicle safety standards, overloading of vehicles especially motorcycles, the abundance of tricycles and pedicabs on main roads, "colorum" public utility vehicles including out of route PUVs, reports of smuggled and even carnapped vehicles plying the streets. These are symptoms of a lack of a unified or integrated traffic management system that has a prospect of becoming worse in the next few years if remained unchecked.

This measure seeks to provide a mechanism for the Land Transportation Office to come up with a uniform code which shall govern the streets nationwide, including the rights of the drivers and pedestrians in case of accidents. Violations such as lack of signal or safety devices, seatbelts, illegal parking and even jaywalking and their commensurate penalties should be reflected in the code.

The measure will also enable the LTO, the LTFRB, the PNP, the MMDA and the Local Government Units to have an integrated database on all registered land vehicles. Not only will this system give us a more accurate count of the total number vehicles in the streets, it will also provide a basis for a more effective collection of registration fees and taxes. The system will also help curb the use of smuggled and carnapped vehicles.

Furthermore, the measure also seeks to maintain an integrated database on all licenses and traffic tickets or citations issued by the LTO, MMDA and LGUs with traffic enforcement units nationwide. This will curb the issuance of a driver's license or the renewal of license to drivers who have violations or complaints in any part of the Philippines.

The approval of this measure does not ensure the alleviation of the traffic situation all over the country but will surely ensure traffic discipline and safety.


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AN ACT PROVIDING A MECHANISM TO STRENGTHEN THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE, PROVIDING FOR AN INTEGRATED LAND TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Section 1. Title. - This Act shall be known as the "**Land Transportation Management System of the Philippines**".

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. - The State in preserving and protecting the rights of its people to a disciplined land transport system, hereby supports and promotes the implementation of a consolidated land transportation code to improve and maintain an effective land transportation system in full compliance with the international standards/practices and fostering cooperation between the various local government units and the government agencies tasked to oversee or regulate land transportation.

Section 3. Uniform Traffic Rules and Regulations, Violations and Penalties. - The Land Transportation Office is hereby tasked to develop or consolidate a uniform code or a comprehensive manual of traffic rules and regulations, acts consisting a violation thereof and the commensurate penalties for each violation to be implemented and enforced in nationwide by the Land Transportation Office, Philippine National Police, Local Government Units and other government agencies tasked to oversee or regulate land transportation. Depending on geographical location, rules and penalties may be adjusted to suit type or class of city or municipality and its local ordinances.

Section 4. Unified Database on all classes of private, public utility and government vehicles - The Land Transportation Office, the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board, Philippine National Police, the Metro Manila Development Authority and Local Government Units with traffic enforcement units are mandated to maintain a unified database on all land transport vehicles to ensure

that in the event of apprehension, said land transport is in compliance with emission and vehicle safety standards, is duly registered or possesses the correct franchise, and is being used or driven by its rightful owner or authorized driver.

Section 5. Unified Database on Drivers License and Tickets Issued – The Land Transportation Office, the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board, Philippine National Police, the Metro Manila Development Authority and Local Government Units with traffic enforcement units are mandated to maintain a unified database and records on all licenses and tickets issued to ensure that licenses and tickets or citations issued are genuine, that the owner of the license has no pending complaints or violations in other localities in the event of renewal and that owner of license has complied with all conditions that come with its issuance in the event of apprehension.

Section 6. Instituting immediate Access of Apprehending Officers to Database. Authorized Apprehending Officers shall be provided equipment for wireless or online real-time access to the unified database to enable them to check on the records of the apprehended driver and/or vehicle but access shall be limited only to checking the authenticity or validity of the drivers license. OR/CR of the vehicle as well as the record of violations.

Section 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations – The Land Transportation Office, the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board, Philippine National Police, the Metro Manila Development Authority and Local Government Units with traffic enforcement units shall promulgate within sixty (60) working days from effectivity of this Act, Rules & Regulations as maybe necessary to ensure the efficient and the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act.

Section 8. Appropriations. Upon approval, the amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

Section 9. Oversight Committee – An Oversight Committee on Land Transportation is hereby created composed of the Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees on Transportation and Local Government to ensure that the implementing rules and regulations of this Act is enacted. The Oversight Committee shall be dissolved eighteen (18) months after the full implementation of this Act.

Section 10. Repealing Clauses. – All laws, executive orders, letters of instructions, rules and regulations and other issuances, or provisions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 11. Separability Clause. – The provisions of this Act are hereby declared separable. If any provision or portion thereof shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions will remain in full force and effect.

Section 12. Effectivity – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation, or in the Official Gazette, whichever comes first.