

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS**  
Third Regular Session

House Bill No. **7976**



Introduced by Representatives John Marvin "Yul Servo" Nieto, Edward Vera Perez Maceda, Eric M. Martinez, Federico II "Ricky" S. Sandoval, Dale "Along" R. Malapitan, and Eric L. Olivarez,  
**RON SALO, TEODORO MONTORO AND EMI CALIXTO - RUBIANO.**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

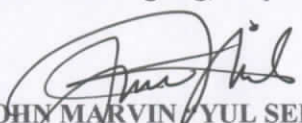
As a manifestation of support to this timely piece of legislation, this representation respectfully refiles this bill, which has constantly been receiving support from the past and present (Rep. Escudero's HB325) congress.

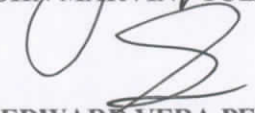
It is the declared policy of the State to value the dignity of every human person and guarantee full respect for human rights. The State shall likewise protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

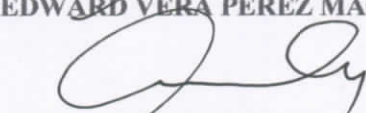
The necessity of public restrooms cannot be disregarded for they provide one of the basic needs of every person. People are entitled to its convenience for the unsecured manner of relieving one's self is unhygienic and on some cases, unsafe and hazardous, not only to person, but to the environment as well. It also upholds their basic right to privacy, and respects their dignity as a human being.

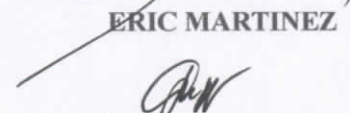
This measure proposes the construction of public restrooms along the National and Provincial Roads. Each restroom will be constructed within reasonable distance to each other.

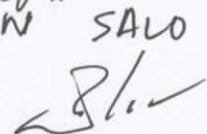
In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

  
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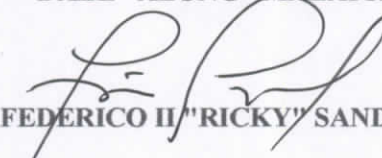
  
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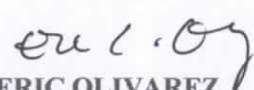
  
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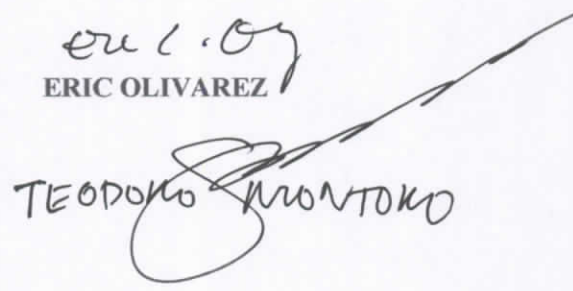
  
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**AN ACT**

**PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC RESTROOMS ALONG NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, 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.** This Act shall be known as the "Land Transport Support Facilities for Hygiene and Convenience Act".

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** It is the policy of the State to provide public restrooms along national and provincial highways and to develop hygienic practice among land transport passengers.

**SECTION 3.** Public restrooms shall be constructed every thirty (30) to fifty (50) kilometers apart along national and provincial highways throughout the country. These shall be erected within a distance of at least three (3) meters from the shoulder of the highway, any zoning ordinance provision to the contrary notwithstanding.

**SECTION 4.** The maintenance and supervision of the public restrooms shall be vested in the Sanggunian or any non-governmental organization (NGO) of the particular barangay where it is situated. A reasonable usage fee per head of passenger/user shall be determined by the Sanggunian/ NGO, which shall accrue to such corresponding barangay.

**SECTION 5.** The collection of fees for the use of the public restrooms shall be held in a trust fund. Income derived from the public restrooms operation shall be used to fund the development projects of the corresponding barangay and shall be fully covered with proper documents for purposes of audit, and to serve as a guide for the city or municipal mayor who shall exercise overall supervision over the utilization of such trust fund.

**SECTION 6.** The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), in coordination with the Department of Tourism (DOT), the Department of Health (DOH), and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), shall be mainly responsible for the production of the standard-sized public restrooms and the programming of the implementation of this project. It shall see to it that these public restrooms are provided with accessibility features for disabled persons and are consistent with the provisions in Section 54 of Presidential Decree No. 856, otherwise known as the Code of Sanitation of the Philippines.

**SECTION 7.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

**SECTION 8.** All laws and parts thereof inconsistent with any provision of this Act shall be deemed repealed or modified as the case may be.

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

*Approved,*