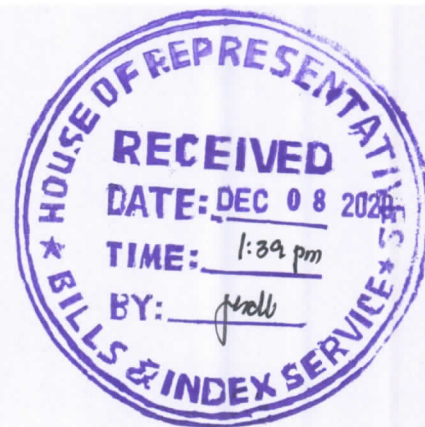


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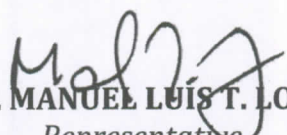
The Department of Transportation's (DOTr) announcement of the mandatory electronic payment systems for toll collections was confronted with legitimate questions of practicality and convenience from fellow Congressman.

Currently, toll payments in expressways are collected electronically through radio frequency identification (RFID) systems of two toll operators, specifically through Easytrip and Autosweep. Thus, mandating electronic payment systems for all motoring public that will pass through expressways will require them to register for and load-up two different RFID cards. On top of additional burdens for the riding public, this might also cause confusion, especially for those who do not frequen expressways.

This proposed measure seeks to ease the registration and use of RFID technology in toll collections by mandating the establishment of a unified electronic toll collection system for all expressways. Through this measure, the riding public will only have to register and maintain one electronic payment system ID.

To ensure seamless use of the system, the Department of Transportation, Toll Regulatory Board, and Toll Operating Certificate Grantees are required to create technical support and maintenance service for the system.

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


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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “*Unified Electronic Toll*
2 *Collection System Act of 2020*”.

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4 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – The State recognizes the vital role of information
5 and communications technology in nation-building. The State also recognizes the need of
6 promoting ease of doing business and efficient delivery of good and services to the
7 general public. Towards this end, the State shall promote a unified electronic toll
8 collection system in all toll facilities to optimize the use of technology and innovative
9 payment system for all toll facilities.

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11 **SEC. 3. Establishment of the Unified Electronic Toll Collection System.** – Within
12 three (3) months from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Transportation
13 (DOTr), Toll Regulatory Board (TRB), and all grantees of existing Toll Operating
14 Certificates (TOC Grantees), are hereby mandated to establish one standard electronic
15 collection system for all toll facilities in all expressways in the country, which shall be
16 called the Unified Electronic Toll Collection System.

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18 For this purpose, the DOTr, TRB, and TOC Grantees are hereby authorized to
19 partner with any duly authorized Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) systems supplier
20 and e-money issuer (EMI) to enable them to establish seamless and continued toll
21 collection service in the use of expressways. Provided that, the selection of an RFID
22 systems supplier and EMI partners shall be subject to the rules of procurement
23 prescribed under Republic Act No. 9184, otherwise known as the Government
24 Procurement Reform Act.

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26 Provided, further, that the DOTr, TRB, and TOC Grantees shall also create the
27 necessary technical support and maintenance service for the Unified Electronic Toll

1 Collection System. The support service shall be responsible for troubleshooting and
2 maintaining coordination with the RFID systems supplier and EMI partner for technical
3 and other concerns. The creation of the technical support and maintenance service shall
4 be without prejudice to any technical support arrangement between the concerned
5 government bodies and the RFID systems supplier and EMI partner pursuant to a
6 contract or agreement.

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8 Provided, finally, that the DOTr, TRB, and the concerned TOC Grantee/s shall
9 provide an accessible express or priority lane for vehicles that have been registered for
10 any of the RFID systems.

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12 **SEC. 4. Mandatory Registration to the Unified Electronic Toll Collection System.**
13 – Registration for the electronic toll collections system shall become mandatory for all
14 vehicles passing through expressways once the Unified Electronic Toll Collection System
15 has been established.

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17 **SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within one month from the
18 effectivity of this Act, the DOTr, in coordination with the TRB, shall issue the rules and
19 regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

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21 **SEC. 6. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary for the implementation of the
22 provisions of this Act shall be taken from the current year's budgets of the DOTr and TRB.
23 Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation of the Act
24 shall be incorporated in the annual General Appropriations Act, corporate operating
25 budget, or appropriation ordinance, as the case may be.

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27 **SEC. 7. Separability Clause.** – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
28 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
29 provisions hereof.

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31 **SEC. 8. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, orders, ordinances, rules and
32 regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified
33 accordingly.

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35 **SEC. 9. Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect immediately after its
36 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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38 Approved,