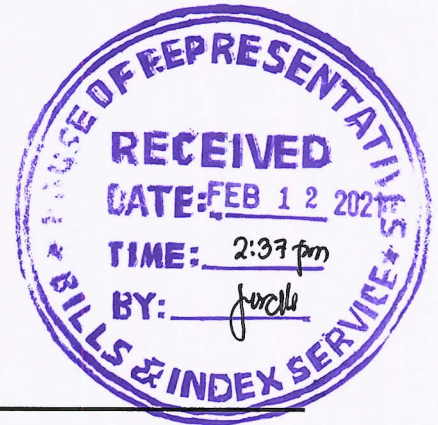


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House Bill No. 8678



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE JOY MYRA S. TAMBUNTING**

**AN ACT SUSPENDING FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD THE EFFECTIVITY AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11229, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
CHILD SAFETY IN MOTOR VEHICLES ACT**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 11229 entitled "An Act Providing for the Special Protection of Child Passengers in Motor Vehicles and Appropriating Funds Therefor", otherwise known as the Child Safety in Motor Vehicles Act is a landmark legislation which was signed into law on February 22, 2019, requiring the mandatory use of child restraint in motor vehicles. It was passed in recognition of the right of children to assistance, proper care, special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse and other conditions prejudicial to their development.

Considering the increasing incidence of road traffic injuries involving children, with more than 600 deaths from road crashes annually¹, this law is a welcome initiative towards increasing the safety of children in transit.

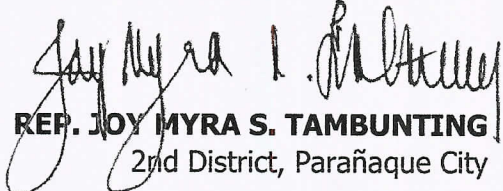
However, the status of preparedness for the implementation of this law remains to be unclear. The implementing rules and regulations for this Act was approved last December 23, 2019 and was supposed to be fully implemented by February 2, 2021. The majority of the riding public was not informed about these new regulations. Government cannot impose regulations without launching the proper information campaign.

In addition, there has been a public outcry against certain provisions in the IRR of the Child Safety in Motor Vehicles Act, particularly the rules requiring relatively tall children to still use car seats. Government must also consider the timing of this law in light of the pandemic. As many children are still required to stay at home by quarantine protocols, we must seriously study the necessity of putting this law into effect at this point in time. The purchase of car seats also remain a substantive cost for many families, a cost we are not willing to place on them during a time of economic hardship brought about by the pandemic.

¹ Child restraint law will save children's lives on Philippine roads. (2019). World Health Organization.

In light of all this, I file this bill seeking for a one-year suspension of the effectivity and the implementation of Republic Act No. 11229, otherwise known as Child Safety in Motor Vehicles Act. This is to give our government agencies time to study the matter further in light of the current health and economic troubles facing our country today.

On behalf of the people of Parañaque City's Second District, and for the common good of the Filipino people, the approval of the said measure is earnestly sought.



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Sec. 1. Suspension of RA No. 11229. – The effectivity and implementation of Republic Act No. 11229, otherwise known as the Child Safety In Motor Vehicles Act, is hereby suspended for a period of one year beginning from the effectivity of this Act.

Sec. 2. Separability Clause. – If, for any reason, any part, section or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in force and effect.

Sec. 3. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, and other issuances, or part or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Sec. 4. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect immediately after its publication in the Official Gazette or at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,