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HOUSE BILL NO. 9587



Introduced by Hon. Sabiniano S. Canama
COOP-NATCCO PARTYLIST

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Public Transportation plays a vital role in providing safe, efficient, and environment friendly land and sea transport services in the movement of goods and passengers geared towards structural economic growth and development of the country. Thus, along with the other sector of the industry, is considered as partner of the government in building a sustainable nation.

the government in June 19, 2017 launched its biggest non-infrastructure program thru DOTr DO No. 2017-011 known as the Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program (PUVMP). The program aims to provide the commuters and other stakeholders a safe, convenient, reliable/dependable and friendly environment public transport system.

Toward this end, the government thru the DOTr as the lead agency directed the all individual franchise holders to consolidate themselves into a cooperative or corporation as the only two (2) legal entities recognized under DO 2017-011 to operate and implement the PUVMP;

The program's objective is to modernized existing traditional PUJs and other modes that already relived their existence on the road into a more comfortable/convenient service. Along this side, the whole system of public transportation should be provided with an Automatic Fare Collection System (AFCS), non-cash transactions, GPS, CCTVs, Monitors and other ITs that will ensure its reliability and dependability;

To date, the consolidation and modernization under the program represents just a small percentage of the total number of traditional PUJs, which does not include yet other modes of land transportation (e.g. UV express vans, buses etc.) that will have to go through the same process. The Public transport sector and other stakeholders are in quandary whether or not the PUVMP will continue beyond the Duterte Administration, hence this proposed Bill to institutionalize the PUVMP.

In order therefore, to ensure sustainability of the same, there is a need to institutionalize the Public utility Vehicle Modernization Program (PUVMP)

Thus, the early passage of this Bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM (PUVMP) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Title. - This Act shall be known as “**The Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program (PUVMP) Act of 2021.**”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote the viability and growth of the Public Transportation Industry as provider of a safe, efficient, and environment friendly land and sea transport services in the movement of goods and passengers geared towards structural economic growth and development of the country.

In response to this, the government in June 19, 2017 launched its biggest non-infrastructure program thru DOTr DO No. 2017-011 known as the Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program (PUVMP). The program aims to provide the commuters and other stakeholders a safe, convenient, reliable/dependable and friendly environment public transport system.

Toward this end, the government thru the DOTr as the lead agency directed the all individual franchise holders to consolidate themselves into a cooperative or corporation as the only two (2) legal entities recognized under DO 2017-011 to operate and implement the PUVMP;

The program’s objective is to modernize existing traditional PUJs and other modes of public land transportation vehicles that have already exceeded their useful existence on the road into more comfortable, convenient and modern public utility transport service vehicles. Along this side, the whole system of public transportation should be provided with an Automatic Fare Collection System (AFCS), non-cash transactions, GPS, CCTVs, Monitors and other advance Information Technology infrastructure that will ensure its reliability and dependability;

To date, the consolidation and modernization under the program represents just a small percentage of the total number of traditional PUJs, which does not include yet other modes of land transportation (e.g, UV express vans, buses etc.) that will have to go through the same process. The Public transport sector and other stakeholders are in quandary whether or not the PUVMP will continue beyond the Duterte Administration, hence this proposed Bill to institutionalize the PUVMP.

SECTION 3. The Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program (PUVMP). - There is hereby established/institutionalized the “**Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program (PUVMP)**” under the Department of Transportation as the lead agency. As principal source of funding an amount of Five Billion (Php5,000,000,000.00) is hereby allocated for this purpose to be sourced from any available unutilized funds of the government.

SECTION 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Department of Transportation (DOTr) shall promulgate the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations for the effective and efficient implementation of this Act.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.

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SABINIANO “BEN” S. CANAMA