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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure seeks to provide a framework for a unified and centralized approach to traffic enforcement.

The bill proposes the creation of a National Traffic Management Center (NTMC) as an agency attached to the Department of Transportation (DOTr). The new body is envisioned to be the chief agency in charge of traffic enforcement. It shall distinguish itself from other bodies, such as the Land Transportation Office (LTO) and Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB), as it shall be the primary agency involved with traffic policy, regulation and enforcement (as compared to regulatory and registration issues of the other abovementioned bodies).

The problem of traffic, in this representation's opinion, warrants a body dedicated to traffic and not merely an adjunct to one of the other bodies. National in scope, it is to supersede other jurisdictional traffic bodies such as the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) and the Local Government Unit (LGU) enforcement arms, and unify their enforcement powers under one body. Under such proposed structure, traffic offenses shall be considered universal in scope and application.

In relation to the centralization of traffic offenses, the power delegated to the DOTr in prescribing offenses and penalties in so far as traffic offenses are concerned, shall be vested in the NTMC. To this end, this bill proposes a limitation to the fines and penalties that a LGU may mete out, at least in so far as it conflicts with the structure of this bill. It is hoped that such measure shall end the days of patchwork local legislation providing for conflicting jurisdictions and stacking penalties. By doing so, a more just and equitable enforcement of laws is envisioned, shifting the focus of penalties from ignorance and technicality of jurisdiction to that of the actual culpable acts.

In relation to the authority in terms of enforcement, the NTMC shall be the primary body tasked with traffic enforcement. It shall be tasked with

training traffic enforcers, and providing support work to the local enforcement of LGUs. Of note, it shall be the primary body involved in the formulation and approval of the adoption of a No Contact Apprehension Policy (NCAP). With the current increase in usage of NCAP as a means of enforcing traffic laws, embracing technological advancements in upgrading the means of enforcement and regulation, it is important that a framework is set in place that prioritizes due process and equality as guiding principles for the objective of the law, balancing the interests of all users of public roads.

Lastly, in line with this push for a unified central enforcement, a unified central manner of appeals is likewise important. Thus, a supplementary body, the Traffic Center Adjudication Board, shall be created for the purpose of handling appeals of enforcement. It shall be attached to the NTMC organization-wise as the primary enforcement body, but is envisioned to handle apprehension appeals in a joint manner between the distinct but related jurisdictions of the NTMC, LTO and LTFRB. Furthermore, and in keeping with public service as the guiding principle of this measure, a provision compensating damages suffered from wrongful apprehensions is proposed.

With such framework proposed, it is this representation's hope that the primary advocacy of road safety shall be served. It is high time that such centralizing body be instituted, and that these conflicting provisions of law and enforcement be rectified.

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



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"TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT CENTRALIZATION ACT"

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the "Traffic Enforcement
 2 **Centralization Act."**

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 4 **SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policies and Principles.*** – It is the policy of the
 5 State to maintain peace and order, protect life, liberty and property, and promote the
 6 general welfare of the people. Towards this end, the State shall establish the National
 7 Traffic Enforcement and Management Center for efficient traffic enforcement.

8 **SECTION 3. *National Traffic Enforcement and Management Center.*** – There is
 9 hereby established a National Traffic Enforcement and Management Center,
 10 hereinafter referred to as the "Traffic Center", which shall be attached to the
 11 Department of Transportation for policy and program coordination.

12 **SECTION 4. *Purposes and Objectives.*** – The Traffic Center shall have the
 13 following purposes and objectives:

14 a) To build the capacity of all traffic enforcers through trainings and instruction
 15 in all areas of traffic management, including road safety, enforcement, accident
 16 investigation, driver training, post-accident management, traffic engineering, and
 17 understanding violations;

18 b) To train personnel involved in traffic enforcement and management in
 19 analyzing accidents and accident-prone areas, potential risk parameters,

1 speed analysis, volume counts, study of violations and the identification of
2 deficiencies in geometric design, road infrastructure, and engineering
3 principles;

4 c) To consistently assess the capability of traffic enforcement and
5 management personnel of the various local government units (LGUs);

6 d) To conduct scientific research on the causes and consequences of
7 road collisions and accidents, as well as prepare effective systems for their
8 analysis in order to provide remedial measures;

9 e) To undertake road safety audits on all highways, road
10 transportation projects and traffic management schemes as well as identify
11 road risks and hazards;

12 f) To develop a module and methodology for teaching road safety
13 education to the public, particularly to primary and tertiary students,
14 through the existing academic curriculum subjects;

15 g) To train the public in the basics of road traffic laws, driver education
16 and behavior, current status of road environment and enforcement, causes
17 and hazards which lead to road accidents, and post-accident management;

18 h) To set policies related to road traffic enforcement, education and
19 management, including penalties thereof, that will redound to the benefit of
20 the public;

21 i) To align traffic rules and regulations, as well as road safety policies,
22 in order to achieve utmost uniformity in traffic policies across all
23 jurisdictions nationwide;

24 j) To enhance the system of apprehending traffic violators by capturing
25 road mishaps and traffic violations using available technological
26 innovations such as CCTV cameras, to record road and traffic conditions,
27 violations of road users and conduct of traffic enforcers; and

- 1 k) To coordinate and regulate the implementation of all programs and
2 projects concerning traffic management.

3 **SECTION 5. Scope.** – All drivers of motor vehicles, motor vehicle owners,
4 public utility vehicle operators or franchise holders, hereinafter collectively
5 referred to as “motorists”, and pedestrians, by-standers and all persons
6 situated or making use of roads, hereinafter collectively referred to as “other
7 road users”, shall be covered by this Act.

8 **SECTION 6. Powers of the Traffic Center.** - The Traffic Center shall have the
9 following powers:

10 a) To issue a centralized list of traffic rules and offenses, with the
11 corresponding penalties, to be observed by the public and relevant
12 government agencies and local government units. The centralized list shall
13 be implemented nationwide. For purposes of this Act, traffic rules and
14 offenses are directives on the usage of roads and safety measures that shall
15 be observed by the public.

16 b) To train all traffic enforcers and personnel in traffic enforcement,
17 management and conduct of proper investigation of accidents.

18 c) To adopt, alter and use an official seal;

19 d) To collect, receive and maintain a fund or funds from the General
20 Appropriations Act and from donations, grants, gifts, bequests, loans from
21 domestic and foreign sources, and to apply the income and principal thereof
22 to the promotion of its main purpose, programs and projects;

23 e) To own, manage and hold such real and personal property as shall
24 be necessary for the Traffic Center's purposes;

25 f) In furtherance of its purpose and objectives, to extend financial
26 assistance to, and enter into contracts of every kind and for any lawful
27 purpose, with any person, firm, association or corporation, domestic or
28 foreign, or others in which it has a lawful interest;

1 g) To promulgate its own rules and regulations in furtherance of its
 2 purpose and objectives to be implemented on a national scale in order to
 3 uphold uniformity in traffic policies and enhance the efficiency of traffic
 4 enforcement.

5 h) In general, to do all such acts and things as may be necessary to
 6 carry into effect the provisions of this Act.

7 The administration of the Traffic Center and the exercise of its corporate
 8 powers shall be vested exclusively in its Board of Trustees.

9 **SECTION 7. *The Governing Board; Manner of Appointment.* -**

10 a) Composition - The governing body of the Traffic Center shall be the
 11 Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the Board, composed of the
 12 following:

13 1) Secretary of Transportation, as chairperson;

14 2) Head of the Land Transportation Office, as vice-chairman;

15 3) Head of the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory
 16 Board (LTFRB), as vice-chairman;

17 4) Chairperson of the Metro Manila Development Authority
 18 (MMDA), as member;

19 5) Secretary of the Interior and Local Government, as member;

20 6) Director General of the Technical Education and Skills
 21 Development Authority (TESDA), as member;

22 7) Director of the National Center for Transportation Studies, as
 23 member; and

24 8) Two (2) private sector representatives who have distinguished
 25 themselves in their professions and in their field of specialization
 26 related to the core competency of the Traffic Center, as members.

1 a) The two (2) private sector representatives shall be
 2 appointed by the President of the Philippines upon
 3 recommendation of the Secretary of Transportation, in
 4 consultation with the other members of the Board.

5 b) Term of Office - The private sector representatives shall
 6 serve for a term of two (2) years from the date of appointment.

7 **SECTION 8. Powers and Duties of the Board of Trustees.** – The Board shall
 8 have the following specific powers and duties in addition to its general
 9 powers of administration and the exercise of all powers granted to the Board
 10 of directors of a corporation under existing laws:

11 a) To promulgate rules and regulations not contrary to law as may be
 12 necessary to carry out the purposes and functions of the Traffic Center;

13 b) To receive and appropriate all sums as may be provided for the support
 14 of the Traffic Center in the manner it may determine, in its discretion, to
 15 carry out the purposes and functions of the Traffic Center;

16 c) To receive in trust legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal
 17 properties of all kinds, to administer and dispose of the same when
 18 necessary for the benefit of the Traffic Center, subject to limitations,
 19 directions and instructions of the donor, if any. Such donations shall be
 20 exempt from donor's tax and the same shall be considered as allowable
 21 deductions from the gross income in the computation of the income tax
 22 of the donor, in accordance with the provisions of the National Internal
 23 Revenue Code, as amended: Provided, That such donations shall not be
 24 disposed of, transferred or sold;

25 d) To fix fees and other necessary charges including training fees as the
 26 Board may deem proper to impose.

27 Such fees and charges, including government subsidies and other
 28 incomes generated by the Traffic Center, shall constitute a special trust
 29 fund and shall be deposited in any authorized government depository

1 bank, and all interests that shall accrue therefrom, shall form part of the
2 same fund for the use of the Traffic Center.

3 Any provision of existing laws, rules and regulations to the contrary
4 notwithstanding, any income generated by the Traffic Center from
5 training fees and other charges, as well as from the operation of auxiliary
6 services and land grants, shall be retained by the Traffic Center, and may
7 be disbursed by the Board for instruction, research, extension, or other
8 programs and projects of the Traffic Center.

9 If, for reasons beyond its control, the Traffic Center shall not be able to
10 pursue any project for which funds have been appropriated and allocated
11 under its approved program of expenditures, the Board may authorize
12 the use of said funds for any reasonable purpose which, in its discretion,
13 may be necessary and urgent for the attainment of the objectives and
14 goals of the Traffic Center;

15 e) To authorize the construction or repair of the buildings, equipment and
16 other facilities, and the purchase and acquisition of real and personal
17 properties, including necessary supplies, materials and equipment.
18 Purchases and other transactions entered into by the Traffic Center
19 through the Board shall be exempt from all taxes and duties;

20 f) To appoint, upon the recommendation of the Executive Director of the
21 Traffic Center, the officials and employees of the Traffic Center in
22 accordance with a staffing pattern duly approved by the Board;

23 g) To fix and adjust the salaries of officials and employees subject to the
24 provisions of the Revised Compensation and Position Classification
25 System, as amended, and other pertinent budget and compensation laws
26 governing hours of service, and such other duties and conditions as it
27 may deem proper, to grant them at its discretion, leaves of absence under
28 regulations as it may promulgate, any provision of existing law to the
29 contrary notwithstanding; and to remove them for cause in accordance
30 with the requirements of due process of law;

- 1 h) To approve the institutional programs, projects and rules of discipline
- 2 drawn by the Executive Director of the Traffic Center;
- 3 i) To establish research and extension centers of the Traffic Center where
- 4 such will promote the development of the latter;
- 5 j) To delegate any of its powers and duties provided for hereinabove to
- 6 the Executive Director or other officials of the Traffic Center as it may
- 7 deem appropriate so as to expedite the administration of the affairs of the
- 8 Traffic Center;
- 9 k) To develop consortia and other forms of linkages with LGUs,
- 10 institutions and agencies, both public and private, local and foreign, in
- 11 furtherance of the purposes and objectives of the Traffic Center;
- 12 l) To develop arrangements for institutional capability building with
- 13 appropriate institutions and agencies, public or private, local or foreign,
- 14 and to appoint experts or specialists as consultants, or visiting or
- 15 exchange trainers, researchers as the case may be; and
- 16 m) To establish policy guidelines and procedures for participative
- 17 decision-making and transparency within the Traffic Center;

18 **SECTION. 9. *Board Meetings; Quorum.*** - The Board shall regularly convene
 19 at least once every quarter. The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees may
 20 call a special meeting whenever necessary: Provided, That members are
 21 notified in writing at least three (3) days prior to said meeting.

22 A majority of all members holding office shall constitute a quorum for
 23 board meetings. The members shall serve without compensation, but they
 24 shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in their attendance of
 25 meetings of the Board or in connection with their official business authorized
 26 by resolution of the Board, subject to existing laws and regulations.

27 **SECTION. 10. *Executive Director of the Traffic Center; Term of Office;***
 28 ***Powers and Duties.*** - The administration of the Traffic Center shall be vested
 29 in an Executive Director who shall render his services full-time. The

1 Executive Director shall be appointed by the Board, upon the
2 recommendation and approval of the Board of Trustees. The Executive
3 Director shall have a term of four (4) years and shall be eligible for
4 reappointment for another term.

5 In case of vacancy by reason of death, compulsory retirement,
6 resignation, removal for cause or incapacity of the Executive Director to
7 perform the functions of the office, the Board shall have the authority to
8 designate an officer-in-charge of the Traffic Center within six (6) months
9 from the date of vacancy, pending the appointment of a new Executive
10 Director.

11 In case of vacancy in the office of the Executive Director as mentioned
12 in the immediately preceding paragraph, the successor shall hold office only
13 for the unexpired portion of the term.

14 The salary of the Executive Director of the Traffic Center shall be in
15 accordance with the Revised Compensation and Position Classification
16 System, as modified by Joint Resolution No. 4 dated June 17, 2009 or any
17 amendments thereto, and other pertinent budget and compensation laws,
18 and shall be comparable to that being received by the presidents of higher
19 education institutions.

20 The Executive Director of the Traffic Center shall exercise the following
21 powers and duties:

- 22 a) To submit for the consideration of the Board of Trustees the policies
23 and measures necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of
24 the Traffic Center;
- 25 b) To recommend, coordinate and administer the programs and
26 projects of the Traffic Center;
- 27 c) To direct and supervise the operations and internal administration
28 of the Traffic Center, and to delegate administrative responsibilities
29 in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Traffic Center;

1 d) To submit an annual report to the Board of Trustees setting forth
 2 the work of the Traffic Center during the year, its financial
 3 operations and status, and a program and budget for the ensuing
 4 year; and

5 e) To exercise such other powers and to discharge such other functions
 6 as may be vested in him by the Board of Trustees.

7 **SECTION 11. *Secretary.*** - The Board shall appoint a Secretary, who shall
 8 serve as such for both the Traffic Center and the Board, and shall keep all
 9 records of the Board.

10 **SECTION 12. *Treasurer.*** -The Treasurer of the Philippines shall be the *ex*
 11 *officio* Treasurer of the Traffic Center.

12 **SECTION 13. *Centralizing Traffic Rules and Offenses.*** - The Traffic Center
 13 shall collate, compile and amend accordingly, all traffic offenses and
 14 violations, with its respective penalties. The centralized list of traffic offenses
 15 and violations shall be implemented nationwide with the assistance of all
 16 local government units and proper agencies. To this end, penalties for traffic
 17 offenses shall not exceed those set by the Traffic Center.

18 **SECTION 14. *No Physical Contact Apprehension.*** - To ensure that traffic
 19 rules and regulations are observed even without the presence of traffic
 20 enforcers, the use of closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras or other similar
 21 technologies to apprehend traffic violators may be implemented nationwide.
 22 The "No Contact Apprehension policy" allows traffic authorities to issue
 23 tickets against erring drivers for traffic violations captured by CCTV
 24 cameras or other technologies analogous to the same. All national and local
 25 traffic authorities using CCTV cameras or other technologies analogous to
 26 the same in enforcing traffic laws, ordinances, rules and regulations shall
 27 adhere to the provisions of this Act.

28 **SECTION 15. *Principles of a No Contact Apprehension Policy*** - The "No
 29 Contact Apprehension Policy" shall be governed by the right to due process

1 and equal protection of laws and shall adhere to the following base
2 regulations:

3 A. That a dry run of at least one (1) year shall be implemented in a covered
4 area, under the direct supervision of the Traffic Center;

5 B. That all road markings and signages of a covered area shall be clear
6 and comprehensible;

7 C. The prompt notification of an alleged violation to the concerned
8 motorist within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident;

9 D. That there be an easily accessible means to update a person's contact
10 and registrations details;

11 E. That all apprehensions shall be contestable, the adjudication of which
12 shall be handled by the Traffic Center Adjudication Board, as stated in
13 Section 19 of this Act; and

14 F. Any other rules or conditions that the Traffic Center may set to protect
15 the rights of motorists

16 A No Contact Apprehension Policy shall be implemented in a certain
17 jurisdiction only upon compliance with the conditions set by the Traffic
18 Center. Non-compliance with any of the conditions set by the Traffic
19 Center shall bar the use of the No Contact Apprehension Policy, and
20 manual apprehension by traffic enforcers shall be observed.

21 **SECTION 16. Notification System.** - To enhance the efficiency of traffic
22 enforcement and towards expedience in the processing of traffic violation
23 and respecting the right to due process, the Traffic Center shall implement a
24 Notification System. The Notification System shall be based on a database
25 holding real-time information of traffic violations in coordination with the
26 Land Transportation Office (LTO), Land Transportation Franchising and
27 Regulatory Board (LTFRB), Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA)
28 and the relevant Local Government Unit (LGU).

29 The Notification System shall issue summons and notices through
30 electronic mail or text message to promptly inform violators of any traffic
31 apprehension pursuant to the "No Contact Apprehension Policy". Other

1 analogous means may also be added to ensure immediate notification to
 2 violators. The Notification System will serve only as advance notification to
 3 traffic violators and will still receive written summons with complete details
 4 of the apprehension;

5 **SECTION 17. *Notice of Violation.*** - The Traffic Center shall send the notice
 6 of violation to the registered owner or operator within seven (7) days from
 7 the time of infraction through electronic mail and text message. The notice
 8 must contain the following:

- 9 a) Date, time and location of the traffic violation;
- 10 b) Traffic violation and corresponding penalty;
- 11 c) Video file or still images of the violation that shows the plate
 12 number or conduction sticker of the vehicle; and
- 13 d) In case of fine, the period and manner to settle the same; in case of
 14 imposition of other penalties, the date, time, and place of the
 15 hearing on the violation.

16 The Notice serves as summons for the registered owner or operator or
 17 their authorized representatives to appear before the Traffic Center.

18 A short notice containing the (i) date, time and location of the traffic
 19 violation and (ii) the violation and corresponding penalty shall be sent to the
 20 registered owner or operator within twenty four (24) hours from the time of
 21 infraction through text message, to allow the concerned owner/operator
 22 time to prepare for a hearing.

23 As far as practicable, the Traffic Center shall first confirm that the
 24 traffic violator was not physically apprehended before issuing the short
 25 notice and notice of violation for the same traffic infraction. The notice of
 26 violation is automatically cancelled upon showing of a physically issued
 27 citation ticket for the same traffic violation.

28 **SECTION 18. *Presumption of Identity.*** - The registered owner is presumed
 29 to be the driver of a private vehicle committing a traffic violation captured
 30 by the CCTV cameras or other analogous technologies. The operator is also

1 presumed to be the driver of a public utility vehicle committing a traffic
2 violation.

3 In the case of PUVs covered under a consolidated or multi-vehicle
4 franchise, the operator or franchise holder shall implement a recording
5 system that indicates a schedule of drivers and their assigned PUVs, with
6 sufficient proof of vehicle possession of driver within a given schedule:
7 *Provided*, that if the franchise holder does not have or should fail to
8 implement such recording system, the franchise holder shall be presumed to
9 be driving the vehicle.

10 The LTO and LTFRB shall provide the necessary information to the
11 Traffic Center for the effective implementation of the No Contact
12 Apprehension.

13 **SECTION 19. Traffic Center Adjudication Board** – The Traffic Center shall
14 establish the Traffic Center Adjudication Board, hereinafter referred to as the
15 ‘TCAB’, exercising the following powers and functions:

- 16 a) Hear and decide cases of contested apprehensions, which shall have
17 appellate jurisdiction of LGU adjudication boards covering the
18 same.
- 19 b) Hear and decide cases involving the implementation of the “No
20 Contact Apprehension” policy and other policies set for traffic
21 regulation and management nationwide.
- 22 c) Issue *subpoena duces tecum* and *ad testificandum* to compel the
23 appearance of motor vehicle operators and drivers and/or other
24 persons and conductors;
- 25 d) Promulgate the rules of procedure;
- 26 e) Furnish the LTO or LTFRB and other authorities all copies of
27 decision finding violation of traffic laws, ordinances, rules or
28 regulations; and
- 29 f) Perform such other functions necessary for the prompt disposition
30 of cases.

1 The TCAB shall have at least one member from the LTO and one member
 2 from the LTFRB as part of its panel in settling cases involving traffic rules
 3 and regulations.

4 **SECTION 20. Damages in Case of Wrongful Apprehension.** - When a
 5 contested case is decided in favor of the alleged offender, damages may be
 6 awarded as compensation for lost opportunity of work. Such damages may
 7 be paid out of the fines collected.

8 **SECTION 21. *Duty of the Registered Owner or Operator.*** - The registered
 9 owner or operator or their duly authorized representatives must attend the
 10 hearing if the registered owner or operator wants to contest the alleged
 11 traffic violation. The TCAB shall provide for the attendance of the hearing
 12 via videoconference or other means. Failure to attend the hearing, after being
 13 duly notified, is an admission of the traffic violation.

14 The registered owner or operator, who is not driving the vehicle at the
 15 time of the alleged traffic violation, must present before the TCAB the person
 16 actually driving the vehicle captured in the CCTV cameras or other similar
 17 technologies. If the driver is not available on the scheduled hearing, the
 18 driver must execute an affidavit stating the circumstances and admitting or
 19 denying the alleged traffic violation.

20 In all instances when the alleged traffic violation is denied, it is the
 21 duty of the registered owner or operator to prove such claim before the
 22 TCAB.

23 **SECTION 22. *Liability.*** - Except for vicarious liability provided under
 24 Republic Act No. 386, as amended, otherwise known as the "Civil Code of
 25 the Philippines," and subsidiary liability under Act 3815, as amended,
 26 otherwise known as the "The Revised Penal Code," the liability of the traffic
 27 violator under the No Contact Apprehension and other policies for traffic
 28 regulation is personal and may not be charged against any other person.

1 **SECTION 23. *Development Plan; Organizational and Administrative***
 2 ***Structure.*** - Within one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this
 3 Act, the Traffic Center shall:

- 4 a) Submit to the President of the Philippines and to both Houses of
 5 Congress a five-year (5) development plan, including the proposed
 6 budget; and
- 7 b) Set up its organizational and administrative structure, including the
 8 appointment of key officials of the Traffic Center.

9 **SECTION 24. *Training of Local Government Units' Personnel.*** – The
 10 Traffic Center shall primarily cater to the training needs of all traffic
 11 enforcers, including those under the LGUs. All LGUs shall provide their
 12 personnel who are involved in traffic management and enforcement the
 13 opportunity to train at the Traffic Center. LGUs shall coordinate with the
 14 Traffic Center for the conduct of training programs in their respective
 15 localities.

16 The head and supervisors of the traffic management office of every
 17 LGU, or its equivalent office, shall be required to undergo training at the
 18 Traffic Center not later than ninety (90) days upon assumption of office.
 19 Likewise, all traffic enforcement personnel of LGUs shall obtain a
 20 certification from the Traffic Center that they have undergone the necessary
 21 training to continue in the performance of their functions not later than six
 22 (6) months from appointment or hiring as traffic enforcement personnel.

23 The Traffic Center shall likewise organize a core group of trainers who
 24 will conduct training seminars for traffic enforcers of the various LGUs.

25 As used in this Act, a traffic management office refers to the office of
 26 an LGU in charge of setting policies concerning traffic in and responsible for
 27 coordinating and regulating the implementation of all programs and
 28 projects concerning traffic management in the LGU, specifically those that
 29 pertain to enforcement, engineering and education.

1 **SECTION 25. *Auditing.*** - All accounts and expenses of the Traffic Center
 2 shall be audited by the Commission on Audit or its duly authorized
 3 representative.

4 **SECTION. 26. *Filing of Report.*** - Not later than the thirtieth day of
 5 December, the Board shall file with the Office of the President of the
 6 Philippines and to both Houses of Congress, a detailed annual report on the
 7 progress, conditions and needs of the Traffic Center.

8 **SECTION 27. *Endowment Fund.*** - There is hereby established an
 9 Endowment Fund which shall be self-sustaining and shall include the
 10 contributions, donations, grants, or loans from domestic and foreign sources,
 11 government subsidies, and other income accruing from the earnings of the
 12 Traffic Center. The amount of One hundred million pesos (P100,000,000.00)
 13 is hereby appropriated for the initial organization and operations of the
 14 Traffic Center. Thereafter, the annual expenditures, including the capital
 15 outlays of the Traffic Center shall be provided in the General Appropriations
 16 Act. In addition to the provision of the General Appropriations Act, such
 17 sums as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of
 18 the Traffic Center shall be generated by the Traffic Center from the earning
 19 of this Endowment Fund.

20 **SECTION 28. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - Within sixty (60)
 21 days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall, in
 22 coordination with the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government and
 23 chairperson of the Metro Manila Development Authority, promulgate the
 24 necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.
 25 The rules and regulations issued pursuant to this section shall take effect
 26 thirty (30) days after its publication in two (2) national newspapers of
 27 general circulation.

28 **SECTION 29. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, presidential decrees, executive
 29 orders, memoranda, ordinances, rules and regulations contrary or
 30 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended,
 31 or modified accordingly.

1 **SECTION 30. *Separability Clause.*** - If any part or provision of this Act is
2 declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining parts or provisions not
3 affected shall remain in full force and effect.

4 **SECTION 31. *Effectivity.*** -This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
5 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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