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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Philosopher Henry David Thoreau once said: *"What is the use of a house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on?"*

As the entire world moves toward more environmental-friendly modes of transportation, the Philippines needs to properly address the influx of electronic vehicles (EVs) in the country. The proposed law herein recognizes the need to establish a special plate number for EVs to encourage their use and provide incentives to EV owners.

When passed, the bill herein will provide the following benefits for users of EVs: priority lanes, tax incentives, parking privileges and environment recognition. This representation believes that the approval of the foregoing bill will further help the efforts in taking care of our environment.

At this point, it is elucidating to highlight the state policy declared in our Constitution, to wit: *"The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature"* [Section 16, Article II, 1987 Constitution]. Truly, providing a special plate for EVs and promoting its use in the country finds justification from our fundamental law. It is high time that our country takes a more active stance in having sustainable modes of transportation.

Passage of the proposed law is earnestly being prayed.


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL PLATE NUMBER FOR
ELECTRONIC VEHICLES IN THE PHILIPPINES**

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* This act shall be known as the "Electronic Vehicle Special Plate Number Act of 2023".

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It is hereby declared as a policy of the State to promote the use of environment-friendly modes of transportation. In furtherance of this policy, the State recognizes the need to establish a special plate number for electronic vehicles (EVs) to encourage their use and provide incentives to EV owners.

SECTION 3. *Electronic Vehicle Special Plate Number.* All EVs registered with the Land Transportation Office (LTO) shall be issued a special plate number different from the regular plate numbers issued to conventional vehicles. The design and color scheme of the special plate number shall be determined by the Department of Transportation (DoTr), thru the Land Transportation Office (LTO).

SECTION 4. *Certification of Road Worthiness.* Before an electronic vehicle is issued with a special plate number, it must pass a certification of road worthiness from the LTO. The certification shall include an evaluation of the vehicle's electronic components, battery, and charging system to ensure that they comply with safety standards and are in good working condition.

SECTION 5. *Benefits of Electronic Vehicle Special Plate Number.* The issuance of a special plate number for EVs shall entitle the owner to the following benefits:

- (a) Priority lanes – EVs with special plate numbers shall be given priority in designated lanes for environmentally friendly vehicles, such as HOV (High-Occupancy Vehicle) lanes and bike lanes.

(b) Tax incentives – EV owners with special plate numbers shall be entitled to tax incentives and other benefits as provided in other laws and regulations.

(c) Parking privileges – EVs with special plate numbers shall be given priority parking in designated parking areas for EVs.

(d) Environmental recognition – The issuance of a special plate number for EVs shall serve as a recognition of the owner's contribution to environmental protection and sustainability.

SECTION 6. *Exemptions for Renewal of License Plate.* EVs with a special plate number shall be exempt from the renewal of license plate every year. Instead, the LTO shall require the owner to submit a certification of roadworthiness every three (3) years to ensure the vehicle's safety and compliance with environmental standards.

SECTION 7. *Penalties.* Any person who violates any provision of this Act or its implementing rules and regulations shall be fined not less than Ten Thousand Pesos (Php 10,000) but not more than Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php 50,000) or imprisonment of not less than One (1) Month but not more than Six (6) Months, or both, at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 8. *Appropriations.* 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 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* Within ninety (90) days after its signing into law, the Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Department of Finance, shall issue the appropriate implementing rules and regulations for the application of this Act.

SECTION 10. *Separability Clause.* If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, executive orders, or rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 12. *Enacting Clause.* -This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the official Gazette.

Approved,