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**AN ACT REGULATING THE OPERATION OF NON-MOTORIZED PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION IN CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Non-motorized means of transportation are widely acknowledged as a prevalent mode of travel in numerous Philippine cities and municipalities, particularly in regions where motorized vehicles encounter restrictions or where traffic congestion remains a significant concern. Nonetheless, the utilization of non-motorized vehicles within the country frequently occurs without proper oversight, presenting hazards to both operators and passengers. Furthermore, the absence of established regulations contributes to inequitable competition among operators, yielding issues like excessive pricing and other illicit behaviors.

In areas where conventional vehicles face limitations or traffic problems, non-motorized transportation, such as pedicabs, and similar modes, has become a practical alternative for mobility. However, the absence of structured regulations governing their operation has resulted in safety concerns for both operators and passengers. Furthermore, the lack of a regulatory framework has fostered an environment where operators engage in unhealthy competition, leading to problems like inflated fares and illicit activities. This situation emphasizes the need for a well-organized regulatory system to address these issues and promote safe, fair, and efficient non-motorized transportation services.

This bill addresses the emerging need to establish a comprehensive and organized framework for managing non-motorized modes of public transportation in urban and rural areas. The shift towards more sustainable and environmentally friendly transportation options underscores the importance of regulating non-motorized public transportation systems to ensure safety, efficiency, and the seamless integration of these modes into the existing transportation landscape.

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “*Non- Motorized V ehicles Regulation Act.*”

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to maintain peace and order, protect life, liberty and property, and promote the general welfare of the people through a secure, dependable, accessible, and user- friendly transportation system for the public. Towards this end, the State shall regulate non-motorized vehicles, which serve as a viable alternative for public transportation for its necessity and practicality, In order to safeguard the well- being of passengers and support the livelihood of drivers.

SEC. 3. *Ordinance.* – The *sanggunian panlungsod* or *sanggunian bayan* shall enact an ordinance regulating the operation of non-motorized vehicle within its jurisdiction. The ordinance must conform to the provisions of this Act.
Existing ordinances regulating the operation of non-motorized vehicle that are inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act must be amended.

SEC. 4. *Permit.* – The local government shall issue permit to drivers or operators of non-motorized vehicle for free, subject to the following requirements:

- a) The driver must be a Filipino citizen, at least eighteen (18) years old, and physically fit to drive a non-motorized vehicle.
- b) The driver must undergo a training program on road safety, traffic rules and regulations, and basic first aid.
- c) The driver must submit a certification of good moral character from the local barangay.
- d) The non-motorized vehicle must pass a safety inspection conducted by the local government unit.

SEC. 5. *Registration and Identification System.* – The local government units shall establish registration and identification system, including the issuance of identification card for the driver or operator and plate number for the non-motorized vehicle. The local government units may coordinate with the Land Transportation Office for the implementation of the registration and identification system.

SEC. 6. *Routes and Fare Regulation.* – The local government units shall determine the routes, including the location of terminals and operating hours, and prescribe the fare structure for non-motorized vehicles within the respective jurisdictions. The fare structure must be reasonable and commensurate with the distance traveled.

SEC. 7. *Safety Standards.* – The local government units shall establish safety standards, which include the following:

- a) Non-motorized vehicles are equipped with reflectors, headlights, and taillights for safety purposes.
- b) Non-motorized vehicles must not exceed a maximum speed limit of 20 kilometers per hour.
- c) Non-motorized vehicles must only carry two (2) passengers at a time.
- d) Non-motorized vehicles are not allowed to operate on highways or major thoroughfares.

SEC. 8. *Cooperative and Insurance.* – The local government units, through the cooperatives development officer, must encourage and provide support to drivers and operators of non-motorized vehicles to form a cooperative or join an existing cooperative that serve their purpose.

Likewise, the local government units must strive to provide accident insurance coverage for the drivers and passengers of non-motorized vehicles.

SEC. 9. *National Policies.* – In formulating national transportation policies and other policies affecting transportation such as land use plans, infrastructure plans, and economic and development plans, among others, the responsible national government agencies shall always consider non-motorized vehicles and ensure its sustainability.

SEC. 10. *Violations and Penalties.* Any person who operates a non-motorized vehicle without a permit, or violates the safety standards provided under Section 7 of this Act shall be punished with a fine of not less than One thousand pesos (Php 1,000.00) but not more than Five thousand pesos (Php 5,000.00), or imprisonment of not less than one (1) nor more than six (6) months, or both. The local government units shall also formulate and establish a point system as basis for the suspension or revocation of the permit of the driver or operator of non-motorized vehicles. Three violations of the driver or operator may be a ground for the suspension or revocation of the permit issued.

SEC. 11. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall, in with the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government and Assistant Secretary of the Land Transportation Office, issue the necessary rules regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 12. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 13. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after 78 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a website provided for by law.

Approved,