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HOUSE BILL NO. **10581**

**Introduced by Representatives David “Jayjay” C. Suarez and
Anna Marie Villaraza-Suarez**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a national road management plan or comprehensive national framework for the planning, management, development, and maintenance of roads in the country.

Roads are vital infrastructure components that facilitate transportation, commerce, and connectivity. Efficient road networks are crucial for the country’s economic growth and in ensuring access to social services. Adequate and well-maintained road infrastructures facilitate the connectivity and movement of people and goods and spur local economic development.

Studies conducted worldwide have demonstrated the significant contribution of well-developed road networks to the advancement and economic prosperity of a nation.

However, to ensure that roads and transportation systems are contributing to the overall socio-economic development, and promote road safety, efficiency, and sustainability, effective road planning and management is necessary.

Under the proposed measure, key agencies and local government units are mandated to formulate a plan for the effective management of roads. It aims to establish a comprehensive framework for the management, development, and maintenance of roads and provides some regulations or standards to ensure safety and improve road network efficiency.

1 As part of road management regulations, it includes provisions for road
2 setbacks and requires commercial establishments to allocate twenty percent
3 (20%) of their total floor area to parking spaces to prevent road obstructions
4 caused by parking and loading issues.

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6 Road planning represents a proactive approach to addressing the
7 challenges and opportunities associated with road infrastructure development.
8 By incorporating principles of safety, efficiency, sustainability, and community
9 engagement, the bill aims to create a robust framework for the planning and
10 management of roads, ultimately enhancing the quality of life of all citizens.

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

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

*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 “*Road
Planning and Management Act.*”

SEC. 2. **Declaration of Policy.** – The State recognizes that efficient road
networks are crucial for the country’s economic growth as adequate and well-
maintained road infrastructures and road connectivity facilitate the movement of
people and goods, and spur local economic development. Thus, it is hereby
declared the policy of the State to have a comprehensive plan and framework
for road management to facilitate efficient traffic flow, enhance road safety, and
promote sustainable development.

1 SEC. 3. ***National Road Management Plan.*** – The Department of Public
2 Works and Highways (DPWH) shall, in coordination with the Department of
3 Transportation (DOTr), local government units (LGUs), and other relevant
4 government agencies, develop a comprehensive national road management plan
5 to serve as a guide and framework in the construction, management,
6 maintenance, and improvement of roads in the country.

7 The national road management plan shall contain implementing strategies
8 on road management to facilitate efficient traffic flow and shall include:

9 (a) Provisions and national standards for the construction,
10 maintenance, and improvement of roads and national highways, with
11 consideration given to traffic volume, safety requirements, structural integrity,
12 efficiency, and socio- environmental impact and sustainability;

13 (b) Road classifications and various categories approach based on their
14 functions such as arterial roads, collector roads, and local roads, each subject to
15 different planning and design standards;

16 (c) Road safety measures such as road design standards, signage,
17 speed management systems, and lane designation for specific vehicles;

18 (d) Assessment of the potential impact of road projects on traffic flow,
19 air quality, noise levels, and community well-being;

20 (e) Integration of different transportation modes, including public
21 transit, cycling infrastructure, and pedestrian pathways to create a cohesive and
22 efficient transportation network;

1 (f) Principles of traffic engineering and urban planning to optimize
2 road networks and minimize congestion and travel times;

3 (g) Mechanism to ensure the equitable access of all members of
4 society including pedestrians, cyclists, and persons with disabilities to
5 transportation facilities; and

6 (h) Mechanism for long-term planning to anticipate future
7 transportation demands, population growth, and technological advancements.

8 The plan shall prioritize the establishment of alternative routes and
9 bypasses to alleviate congestion in urban areas.

10 The plan shall be subject to periodic review and updating to the changing
11 transportation needs.

12 SEC. 4. **Road Management Regulations.** – The DPWH shall, in
13 coordination with the DOTr, develop and implement road management
14 regulations. The DPWH shall, in coordination with the DOTr, LGUs and
15 relevant agencies, integrate, prescribe, and enforce road management
16 regulations and standards to ensure accessibility, safety, and efficient use of
17 road spaces, which shall include among others, the following:

18 (a) No shopping mall, market, and commercial establishment may be
19 constructed within a distance of one (1) kilometer from national highways.
20 Existing malls within the prohibited distance shall no longer be allowed
21 expansion beyond their current boundaries;

1 (b) Road right-of-ways must be free from encroachment and
2 obstruction that impede traffic flows; and

3 (c) Parking of motor vehicles shall not be allowed within the entire
4 road right-of-ways except in appropriately designated authorized areas.

5 SEC. 5. ***Right-of-Way.*** – The government may exercise the right of
6 eminent domain whenever the government deems it necessary for the attainment
7 of road planning and management, and may acquire real property needed as
8 right-of-way site or location to prevent encroachments and obstructions that
9 impede traffic flow through donation, negotiated sale, expropriation, or any
10 other mode of acquisition as provided by law.

11 SEC. 6. ***Parking Space Regulations.*** – To prevent road obstructions
12 caused by improperly parked vehicles and crowded loading areas, and as a
13 matter of government’s road management policy and businesses’ corporate
14 social responsibility, commercial establishments shall allocate parking spaces
15 equivalent to at least twenty percent (20%) of their total floor area.

16 Failure to allocate parking spaces equivalent to at least twenty percent
17 (20%) of the total floor area as required under this section of this Act shall be a
18 ground for the non-issuance and revocation of building permits.

19 SEC. 7. ***Local Government Units.*** – LGUs, in coordination with the
20 member agencies of the Inter-Agency Council for Traffic Task Force, shall
21 formulate their road management plan, which shall be integrated in the national
22 road plan. LGUs shall be responsible for the development and implementation

1 of strategies in road management within their respective jurisdiction and shall
2 encourage public participation in the planning process to ensure that road
3 projects are align with the community needs and preferences.

4 SEC. 8. ***Penalties.*** – Any shopping mall, market or commercial
5 establishment that fails to comply with the road management regulations under
6 Section 4 (a) of this Act shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five
7 hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) but not more than One million pesos
8 (P1,000,000.00) and revocation of business permits and licenses.

9 Any person, natural or juridical, who establishes any structure or engages
10 in any activity encroaching a road right-of-way in a manner that obstructs or
11 impedes the traffic flow or reduces the efficiency of the road in violation of
12 Section 4(b) and of this Act, or who illegally parked motor vehicle on a
13 national road in violation of Section 4(c) of this Act shall, upon conviction, be
14 punished by a fine of not less than Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000.00) but not
15 more than Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00) and the cost of expenses incurred
16 in removing such obstruction or illegally parked motor vehicle, in addition to
17 the penalty imposed for traffic violations under other existing laws.

18 SEC. 9. ***Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within ninety (90)
19 days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall, in
20 consultation with the local executive officials, Secretaries of Finance, Budget
21 and Management, and the Interior and Local Government, formulate the
22 necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

1 SEC. 10. ***Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary for the initial
2 implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of
3 the Department of Public Works and Highways. Thereafter, such sum as may be
4 necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the
5 General Appropriations Act.

6 SEC. 11. ***Separability Clause.*** – If any provision or part of this Act is
7 declared unconstitutional or invalid, the parts or provisions not affected shall
8 remain in full force and effect.

9 SEC. 12. ***Repealing Clause.*** – The pertinent provisions of Presidential
10 Decree No. 1096, otherwise known as the “*National Building Code of the*
11 *Philippines,*” and its implementing rules and regulations on parking space
12 requirements for commercial buildings are hereby modified. All other laws,
13 presidential decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules, and regulations or parts
14 thereof inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are repealed,
15 or amended accordingly.

16 SEC. 13. ***Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
17 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

18 Approved,