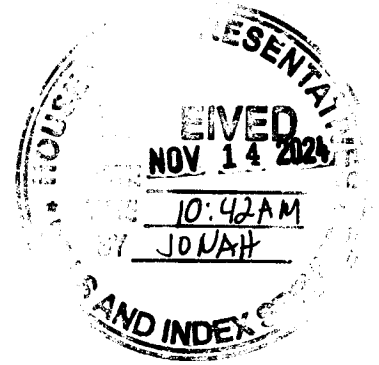


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HOUSE BILL NO. **11076**



Introduced by
AKBAYAN Representative Percival Cendaña

AN ACT
PROHIBITING ANY PERSON FROM PHYSICALLY OCCUPYING A
PARKING SPACE TO OBSTRUCT A MOTOR VEHICLE FROM PARKING
AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The increasing scarcity of parking spaces for vehicles in cities and urban areas is a familiar everyday reality for Filipinos. In 2018, it was reported that vehicle density in Metro Manila was at 1,895 vehicles per kilometer of road, compared to Singapore's 230 vehicles per kilometer of road.¹ In 2017, a study commissioned by Uber found that Metro Manila requires an additional carpark twice the size of Makati City to accommodate all cars plying its roads.² Today, car sales continuously grow in the country.³

This reality has led to certain unwholesome practices among users of parking spaces. One of this is the practice of individuals standing on parking spaces to reserve the same for their vehicles and to physically obstruct other vehicles from parking on the same spaces.⁴ This practice not only violates common courtesy and the basic principle that parking should be on a first-come, first-served basis, but it also endangers individuals who occupy spaces meant for motor vehicles.

This measure seeks to put an end to this practice by prohibiting the reservation of parking spaces through physical occupation by an individual. It imposes penalties on the individual reserving the parking space and the driver of the vehicle for which the space is

¹ GIZ (2018). *Green Freight Assessment for the Philippines*.

² Rappler.com (2017). *Rappler readers share how they really feel about Manila traffic and parking issues*. Rappler. <https://www.rappler.com/brandrap/data-stories/190406-rappler-traffic-parking-online-survey/>

³ See Angela Kiara S. Brillantes (2024). *On the road to a strong, vibrant auto market*. BusinessWorld. <https://www.bworldonline.com/special-features/2024/07/26/610473/on-the-road-to-a-strong-vibrant-auto-market/>

⁴ See, e.g., Sherylin Untalan (2024). *Woman goes viral for standing on parking slot, asks for understanding*. GMA Integrated News. <https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/topstories/metro/926107/viral-woman-stands-at-parking-slot-to-reserve-asks-for-understanding/story/>

being reserved. It also requires private establishments to adopt and implement policies against this practice with appropriate fines or penalties.

Ultimately, the long-term solution to curb practices such as that prohibited by this measure is to improve our mass transportation system to reduce dependence on private vehicles. As we move toward this goal, it is necessary to regulate the use of limited spaces and resources to promote fairness among users and to protect them from harm.

In light of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this 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:

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “Mindful Parking Act.”

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3 **SEC. 2. *Physical Occupation by a Person of a Parking Space, Prohibited.*** – (a) No
4 person shall physically occupy a public parking space in a manner as to obstruct a motor
5 vehicle from parking on the same space or to reserve the space for parking by another
6 motor vehicle.

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8 (b) Private establishments shall adopt and implement their own policies, with appropriate
9 fines and/or penalties, to deter similar acts by individuals in their privately owned parking
10 spaces.

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12 (c) For purposes of this Act, parking space refers to a designated area within public or
13 private property, intended for the temporary parking of a motor vehicle.

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15 **SEC. 3. *Penalties.*** – For any violation of Section 2 of this Act, the following penalties
16 shall apply:

17 (a) On the first offense, a fine of Two thousand pesos (P2,000.00);

18 (b) On the second offense, a fine of Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) and suspension
19 of driver’s license for six (6) months; and

(c) On the third and subsequent offense, a fine of Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) and revocation of driver's license.

In cases where the violation was committed by a person to reserve the parking space for a motor vehicle, the penalties shall also be imposed on the driver of the same motor vehicle.

The owner of a private establishment that fails to adopt or implement the policy under Section 2(b) of this Act shall be penalized with a fine of not less than Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) nor more than Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00). If the offender is a corporation, partnership, association, or any juridical person, the penalty shall be imposed upon the owner, president, partner, manager, and/or any responsible officer who failed or refused to comply with Section 2(b) of this Act.

SEC. 4. *Administrative Jurisdiction.* – The Land Transportation Office (LTO) shall have administrative jurisdiction on violations of this Act and shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its implementation.

SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining sections or provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, issuance or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity Clause.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,