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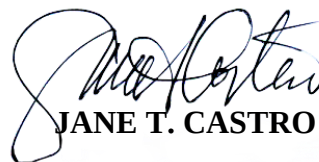
According to data by the Land Transportation Office, the Philippines has a total of 13,889,136 registered vehicles as of 2022. 3,552,326 vehicles were registered in the National Capital Region alone. According to the United States of America International Trade Organization, sales for new vehicles was at 372,083 units which represents a 27% increase from 2021 figures.

Many of these vehicles are used in the urban metropolitan areas of the Philippines; and while business may be great for our automotive dealers, our public transport infrastructure could not keep up with the increasing volume of vehicles using our road networks.

The problem is compounded when many of our vehicle owners use our road networks as parking space. When vehicles are parked in public roads, they eat up space by which other vehicles can safely traverse, leading to the restricted movement of traffic, longer travel times, and more frequent traffic jams.

This bill aims to unclog our streets by requiring owners to have their own parking before the purchase of their vehicles.

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


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AN ACT
REQUIRING PARKING SPACE FROM MOTOR VEHICLE BUYERS IN
METROPOLITAN AREAS AS A PRE-REQUISITE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A
MOTOR VEHICLE AND REGISTRATION WITH THE LAND TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE

Section 1. Short Title. — This Act shall be referred to as the "No Garage, No Registration Act."

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy. — Pursuant to the Constitutional principle that recognizes the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology and the protection of life and property and the promotion of general welfare, the State shall promulgate measures to lessen traffic congestion, curb the number of private vehicles, provide safe and uncluttered pathways, where people may freely walk to their destinations, and maintain a clean and healthy environment by clearing the streets of parked motor vehicles and other similar clutter that reduce the space intended for human and vehicular traffic.

Sec. 3. Scope and Application/ Proof-of-Parking Space or Facility. — Any person, whether natural or juridical, with residence or business address in metropolitan areas such as, but not limited to Metro Manila, Angeles, Bacolod, Baguio, Batangas, Cagayan is de Oro, Cebu, Dagupan, Davao, Iloilo, Naga, and Olongapo, who intends to purchase a motor vehicle, shall be required to execute an affidavit which shall be acknowledged before a notary public, attesting to the availability of a permanent parking space or facility or that a parking space or facility has been leased or procured specifically for the purpose of parking the motor vehicle. The said affidavit executed by the prospective buyer of motor vehicles shall be presented to the Land Transportation Office (LTO) as a pre-requisite for registration.

Sec. 4. Responsibility of Prospective Buyer of Motor Vehicle. - No motor vehicle may be legally conveyed in the absence of a public document duly attested to by the prospective buyer of a motor vehicle and acknowledged before a notary public, that a permanent parking space or facility already exists for the motor vehicle which is subject of the sale. The affiant shall be bound by the claims stated in the document and shall be held liable for untruthful statements made in his affidavit under Articles 171 and 172 of the Revised Penal Code, without prejudice to any other cases that may be filed against such person.

Sec. 5. Role of the Land Transportation Office. — The LTO shall make as a prerequisite in the registration of a motor vehicle the submission of the affidavit attesting to the existence of a permanent parking space or facility by the buyer or vendee of the motor vehicle that it has confirmed the existence of a permanent parking space or facility for the motor vehicle to be purchased.

The document must be kept on file and the same shall be produced when there exists a claim or evidence to the contrary that the parking space or facility attested therein does not exist.

Sec. 6. Local Government Units and Citizen Patrol. — Any concerned individual may report to the LTO, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), the metropolitan coordinating council, or the engineering office of the local government unit (LGU) the existence of motor vehicles which are parked on the streets, alleys or pathways primarily used for pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic.

Authorized personnel of the LTO, MMDA, Metropolitan coordinating council, LGU engineering office and law enforcement agencies shall conduct periodic ocular inspection for the purpose of strictly implementing the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 7. Penalties. — A motor vehicle registration issued to an owner, whether natural or juridical, which has been fraudulently obtained from the LTO by making untrue claims in the public document executed for the purpose of complying with the requirements under Section 3 of this Act indicating that an adequate parking space or facility exists for a motor vehicle, shall be revoked and the motor vehicle owner shall be suspended from registering a motor vehicle under his name for a period of three (3) years and imposed a fine in the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) for every violation of the provisions of this Act.

Any officer or employee of the LTO who has allowed the registration of a motor vehicle without the necessary document required under Section 3 of this Act or with knowledge of the falsity of, or failing to further investigate despite having reasonable ground to believe that, the statement in the instrument attesting to the availability of the permanent parking space or facility for the motor vehicle statement is false, shall be to suspended from office for a period of three (3) months without pay.

The penalties enumerated herein shall be without prejudice to the liability that may be incurred under the Revised Penal Code and other existing laws.

Sec. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. — Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government, the Chairperson of the MMDA, Chairperson of the Metropolitan council, the agency head of LTO and representatives from the LGUs in Metro Manila and other Metropolitan areas shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Sec. 9. Repealing Clause. — Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby amended, modified, or repealed accordingly.

Sec. 10. Separability Clause. — If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

Sec. 11. Effectivity Clause. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation.

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