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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL No. 1958

Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE CLAUDINE DIANA D. BAUTISTA-LIM

AN ACT
DECLARING MAY 8 AS THE “PUBLIC LAND TRANSPORTATION WORKERS’ DAY”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare May 8 of each year as a special working holiday all over the country, primarily to uplift the social standing of our public transportation workers, and to recognize their contribution to our society by honoring them as an important work force of our nation.

In the Philippines, we have several public utility vehicles that are uniquely and proudly Filipino, which provide affordable public transportation to all levels of society. Through the ingenuity of our people, we have created public transportation vehicles such as the jeepneys, multicabs, taxis, transport network vehicle services (TNVS), tricycles, and pedicabs to serve as the backbone of our transportation and economy.

Public transportation workers endure the hazards of global pandemic, pollution, terrible traffic conditions, torching heat, unpredictable downpours, and the unprecedented soaring of fuel prices. In addition to the heavy rigors of their work, they are entrusted with the hefty burden of protecting the lives and limbs of their passengers as the primary mode of public transportation in the country.

For this reason, it is time to show our appreciation and gratitude to every public transportation worker for the crucial role they play to the overall development of our society. Declaring May 8 of every year as a special working holiday could be the first step in showing that public transportation workers are a vital and necessary cog in the wheels of our daily lives. Truly, all our public transportation workers are important to our nation.

Moreover, this bill was already approved and passed by the 19th Congress. In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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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 “Public Land Transportation Workers’ Day Act.”

Sec. 2. *National Public Land Transportation Workers’ Holiday.* – The eighth day of May of every year is hereby declared a special working holiday to recognize the significant contribution to society of the public land transportation workers and honor them as an essential part of the nation’s workforce.

Sec. 3. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,