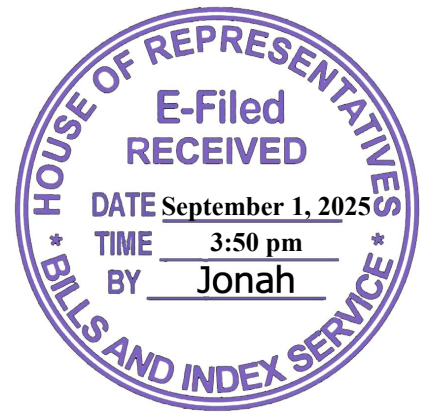


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The ongoing tension between Iran and Israel has triggered global oil market fluctuations, as Iran threatens to close the world's busiest oil shipping channel, the Strait of Hornuz. This has resulted in local fuel price spikes, deeply affecting public transport workers and sparking inflation speculations of basic commodities.

To mitigate the impact of oil price hikes, it is necessary for the government to institutionalize the grant of fuel subsidies to public transport workers by automatically earmarking a fixed fund in the annual General Appropriations Act, which will be activated when crude oil breaches world price threshold.

Transportation workers are the most vulnerable when oil price surges because of its direct impact on their daily income. Through the fuel subsidy program, affected operators will still able to provide public transport services to the commuting public while preventing any fare increase that may be caused by increasing fuel prices.

Institutionalizing the fuel subsidy program ensures that it will become a long-term tool for social protection and inclusion of public transport workers and that this program will continue to serve their needs regardless of political landscape changes.

Immediate approval of this measure is sincerely 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 “Lingap Pasada Act.”

Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to uplift the standard of living and improve the quality of life of operators and drivers of public utility vehicle, tricycle, and full-time ride hailing and delivery services drivers nationwide in recognition of their role as prime movers of the economy. Towards this end, the State shall enact laws that will mitigate the impact of fuel price hike by providing fuel subsidy to qualified public utility vehicle operators and drivers.

Sec. 3. *Lingap Pasada Program (LPP).* – The Lingap Pasada Program (LPP) is hereby established and institutionalized as a regular program of the national government to address the adverse effects of oil price increases and which shall be given to qualified operators and drivers of public utility vehicles, tricycles, and full-time ride hailing and delivery services drivers.

Sec. 4. *Coverage.* – This Act shall cover:

- a. All denominations within the jurisdiction of the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) and with valid Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) or Provisional Authority (PA):
 1. Modern and Traditional Public Utility Jeepneys (PUJ);
 2. Filcab;
 3. Modern and Traditional UV Express;
 4. Minibus;
 5. Tourist Transport Service;

6. Shuttle Service;
 7. Transportation Network Vehicle Service;
 8. School Transport; and
 9. Taxi.
- b. Tricycle and Delivery Services, which are outside the jurisdiction of the LTFRB, shall be governed by the guidelines set by the concerned agencies within their respective jurisdiction.
 - c. All other authorized denominations that are non-fuel powered are deemed excluded.

Sec. 5. Advisory Council. – An Advisory Council is hereby created to determine the amount of cash subsidy which shall be given to qualified beneficiaries based on prevailing fuel prices, composed of the following:

- a. Secretary of Transportation as Chairperson;
- b. Chairperson of the LTFRB as Co-chairperson;
- c. Secretary of Energy;
- d. Secretary of Labor;
- e. Secretary of Budget and Management;
- f. Secretary of Finance, and
- g. Secretary of Interior and Local Government; as members

The Advisory Council shall meet at least twice a year for its regular meeting and may call a special meeting in case of extraordinary increase in the price of fuel. The secretariat of LTFRB shall act as the secretariat of the Advisory Council.

Sec. 6. Annual Report. – The LTFRB shall annually publish a full report of the LPP covering its implementation. The report shall be submitted to the President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate.

Sec. 7. Transparency. – The LTFRB shall regularly and timely post an update on its website a report of financial disclosures and information about the Lingap Pasada beneficiaries.

Sec. 8. Appropriations. – To implement the provisions of this Act, the amount of Two Billion Five Hundred Million Pesos (PHP2,500,000,000.00) shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of DOTr. Thereafter, the same amount shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within 90 days from the effectivity of this Act, the Advisory Council, in consultation with stakeholders, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

Sec. 10. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act is held invalid, the other provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 11. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, order, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Sec. 12. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,