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House Bill No. 5726

Introduced by CIBAC Party-List Representative
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The TomTom Traffic Index in 2024 analyzed urban congestion covering 501 cities across 62 countries worldwide, and their findings revealed that three (3) cities in the Philippines are among the most congested in the world:¹

- (1) Davao City ranked 3rd among the cities surveyed with a congestion rate of 49%. The average travel time per 10 kilometers is recorded at 32 minutes and 59 seconds. Travelers lose 136 hours per year at rush hours;
- (2) The City of Manila ranked 27th with a congestion rate of 42%. The average travel time per 10 kilometers is recorded at 32 minutes and 10 seconds. Travelers lose 127 hours per year at rush hours; and
- (3) Caloocan City ranked 39th with a congestion rate of 41%. The average travel time per 10 kilometers is recorded at 30 minutes and 44 seconds. Travelers lose 111 hours per year at rush hours.

In effect, a 30-minute trip under free-flow conditions in Manila would take 13 minutes longer when congestion reaches 42%. Consequently, drivers and commuters in the city spend an additional five days and seven hours navigating rush hour traffic.

Separately, a study by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in 2017 estimated that traffic congestion in Metro Manila cost the economy PHP 3.5 billion in lost productivity each day. Without effective interventions, JICA warns this figure could rise to PHP 5.4 billion daily by 2035.²

While enhancing transportation infrastructure is essential, addressing vehicle volume in metropolitan areas is equally critical. This bill proposes requiring all motor vehicle owners to prove they have access to a garage or private parking space before

¹ TomTom Traffic Index Ranking 2024. Available [index/ranking/?country=PH](https://www.tomtom.com/traffic-index/ranking/?country=PH) (Accessed on 23 July 2025).

² JICA. JICA and DOTr to improve service quality of PUVs towards road decongestion in Mega Manila. Published on 17 July 2017. Available at https://www.jica.go.jp/english/overseas/philippine/information/press/2024/1545461_53492.html on 7 July 2025).

registering their vehicles with the Land Transportation Office (LTO). The goal is to discourage the use of public roads and sidewalks as de facto parking areas, which significantly contribute to traffic congestion.

Furthermore, the bill mandates the LTO to verify documentation submitted by registrants or vehicle purchasers to confirm the existence of a parking facility. This requirement would apply not only in Metro Manila but also in other metropolitan regions across the country.

While the government bears significant responsibility for resolving urban traffic issues, especially in Metro Manila, private vehicle owners who utilize public roads for parking exacerbate the problem. When streets are used as parking spaces, traffic flow is disrupted, leading to longer travel times and increased congestion.

Foregoing considered, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
REQUIRING PROOF OF AVAILABLE PARKING SPACE FROM MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERS IN METROPOLITAN AREAS AS A PREREQUISITE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE WITH THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "*No Garage, No Car*
2 *Act.*"
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4 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** - Pursuant to the Constitutional principle that
5 recognizes the right of the people to balanced and healthful ecology and the protection
6 of life and property and the promotion of general welfare, the State shall promulgate
7 measures to lessen traffic congestion, provide safe and uncluttered pathways where
8 people may freely walk to their destinations, and maintain a clean and healthy
9 environment by clearing the streets of parked motor vehicles and other objects that
10 reduce the space for ongoing human and vehicular traffic.
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12 **SEC. 3. Proof-of-Parking Space or Facility.** – Section 5(a) of Republic Act No.
13 4136, as amended, otherwise known as Land Transportation and Traffic Code, is
14 hereby amended to read as follows:
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16 "Section 5. All motor vehicles and other vehicles must be registered. (a) No
17 motor vehicle shall be used or operated on or upon any public highway of
18 the Philippines unless the same is properly registered for the current year
19 in accordance with the provisions of this Act: **PROVIDED, THAT OWNERS**
20 **OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN MAJOR CITIES AND METROPOLITAN**
21 **AREAS WHO SEEK TO REGISTER HIS/HER MOTOR VEHICLE WITH**
22 **THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) SHALL BE REQUIRED**
23 **TO EXECUTE AN AFFIDAVIT ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE A NOTARY**

1 PUBLIC ATTESTING TO THE AVAILABILITY OF A PERMANENT
2 PARKING SPACE OR FACILITY OR THAT A PARKING SPACE OR
3 FACILITY HAS BEEN LEASED OR PROCURED SPECIFICALLY FOR
4 THE PURPOSE OF PARKING THE MOTOR VEHICLE INTENDED TO BE
5 REGISTERED: *PROVIDED, FURTHER*, THAT EACH AND EVERY
6 MOTOR VEHICLE SHALL REQUIRE A SEPARATE SPACE FOR
7 PARKING: *PROVIDED, FINALLY*, THAT NO MOTOR VEHICLE SHALL
8 BE REGISTERED UNLESS THE LTO HAS CONFIRMED THE
9 EXISTENCE OF A PARKING SPACE OR FACILITY FOR THE MOTOR
10 VEHICLE."

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12 **SEC 4. Local Government Units and Citizens Patrol.** – Any concerned
13 individual may report to the LTO, the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority
14 (MMDA), metropolitan coordinating councils, or the engineering offices of local
15 government units (LGUs) concerned the existence of motor vehicles which are parked
16 on the streets, alleys or pathways primarily used for pedestrian and motor vehicle
17 traffic.

18 Authorized personnel of the LTO, MMDA, metropolitan coordinating councils,
19 LGU engineering offices, and other relevant law enforcement agencies shall conduct
20 periodic ocular inspections for the purpose of strictly implementing the provisions of
21 this Act.
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23 **SEC 5. Penalties.** - A motor vehicle registration issued to an owner, whether
24 natural or juridical, which has been fraudulently obtained from the LTO by making
25 untrue claims in the public document executed for the purpose of 4 complying with the
26 requirements under Section 3 of this Act indicating that an 5 adequate parking space
27 or facility exists for a motor vehicle, shall be revoked. In addition, the erring motor
28 vehicle owner shall be suspended from registering a motor vehicle under his/her name
29 for a period of three (3) years and shall be liable for a fine in the amount of Fifty
30 Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) for every violation of the provisions of this Act. In
31 addition, the driver's license of the motor vehicle owner shall also be suspended for a
32 period of up to three (3) years. In case of repeated violations, his/her license may be
33 revoked, with proper notice and hearing.
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35 Any officer or employee of the LTO who has allowed the registration of a motor
36 vehicle without the necessary document required under Section 3 of this Act or with
37 knowledge of the falsity of, or failing to further investigate despite having reasonable
38 ground to believe that, the statement in the instrument attesting to the availability of
39 the permanent parking space or facility for the motor vehicle statement is false, shall
40 be suspended from office for a period of three (3) months without pay.
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42 The penalties enumerated herein shall be without prejudice to the liability that
43 may be incurred under Act No. 3815, as amended, otherwise known as 22 the Revised
44 Penal Code, and other existing laws.
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46 **SEC 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within ninety (90) 24 days
47 from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Transportation, in 25 consultation
48 with the Department of the Interior and Local Government, MMDA, 26 other
49 metropolitan councils, LTO, and representatives from the LCDs in Metro 27 Manila

1 and other Metropolitan areas, and other stakeholders, shall promulgate 28 the rules
2 and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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4 **SEC 7. Separability Clause** - If any portion or provision of this Act is 30 declared
5 unconstitutional, the remainder hereof or any provisions not affected thereby shall
6 remain in force and effect.

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8 **SEC 8. Repealing Clause** - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
9 order, letter of instruction, rule, or regulation inconsistent with the provisions of this Act
10 is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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12 **SEC 9. Effectivity** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
13 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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15 *Approved,*