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House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. **6385**



Introduced by Representative LORDAN G. SUAN

AN ACT
REGULATING THE OPERATION OF NON-MOTORIZED PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION IN CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to regulate the operation of non-motorized public transportation in cities and municipalities in the country.

Non-motorized vehicles are recognized as a common mode of transportation in many cities and municipalities in the Philippines, especially in areas where motorized vehicles are not accessible or where traffic congestion is a major problem. However, the operation of non-motorized vehicles in the country is often unregulated, posing risks to drivers and passengers. In addition, the lack of regulation leads to unfair competition among drivers, resulting in overcharging and other illegal practices.

This proposed measure intends to promote safety, orderliness, and efficiency while ensuring the welfare of drivers and passengers of non-motorized vehicles. The local government units (LGUs) shall regulate the operation of non-motorized vehicles within the respective jurisdictions, as LGUs are in the best position to determine the communities' unique needs and conditions.

The bill mandates the LGUs to enact an ordinance regulating the operation of

non-motorized vehicles, which must comply with the provisions of this measure, and issue for free permits to all non-motorized vehicle drivers or operators, subject to specific requirements such as age, physical fitness, and completion of a training program on road safety, traffic rules and regulations, and basic first aid. The bill also establishes a registration and identification system for non-motorized vehicles, which will help ensure accountability and enforceability of regulations. The LGUs shall determine the routes and prescribe fare structures for non-motorized vehicles, which will prevent overcharging and ensure that fares are reasonable and commensurate with the distance travelled. Safety standards are also established such as requiring non-motorized vehicles to be equipped with reflectors, headlights, and taillights and limiting the number of passengers to two (2) at a time.

Likewise, the LGUs are directed to encourage and support drivers and operators of non-motorized vehicles to form a cooperative or join an existing cooperative, and strive to provide accident insurance coverage to both drivers and passengers.

Finally, the bill imposes fines and penalties for violations of certain provisions, including possible suspension and revocation of permit based on the point system of the LGUs.

The regulation of non-motorized vehicles is necessary to ensure the safety and welfare of drivers and passengers alike and promote orderliness and efficiency in their operation. This bill recognizes the vital role of local government units in regulating non-motorized vehicles operations and seeks to establish a comprehensive framework for their regulation in the Philippines.

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


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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “*Non- Motorized Vehicles Regulation Act.*”

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the State to maintain peace and order, protect life, liberty and property, and promote the general welfare of the people through a secure, dependable, accessible, and user-friendly transportation system for the public. Towards this end, the State shall regulate non-motorized vehicles, which serve as a viable alternative for public transportation for its necessity and practicality, to safeguard the well-being of passengers and support the livelihood of drivers.

SEC. 3. Ordinance. – The *sanggunian panlungsod* or *sanggunian bayan* shall enact an ordinance regulating the operation of non-motorized vehicle within its jurisdiction. The ordinance must conform to the provisions of this Act.

Existing ordinances regulating the operation of non-motorized vehicle that are inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act must be amended.

SEC. 4. *Permit.* – The local government shall issue permit to drivers or operators of non-motorized vehicle for free, subject to the following requirements:

- a) The driver must be a Filipino citizen, at least eighteen (18) years old, and physically fit to drive a non-motorized vehicle.
- b) The driver must undergo a training program on road safety, traffic rules and regulations, and basic first aid.
- c) The driver must submit a certification of good moral character from the local barangay.
- d) The non-motorized vehicle must pass a safety inspection conducted by the local government unit.

SEC. 5. *Registration and Identification System.* – The local government units shall establish registration and identification system, including the issuance of identification card for the driver or operator and plate number for the non-motorized vehicle. The local government units may coordinate with the Land Transportation Office for the implementation of the registration and identification system.

SEC. 6. *Routes and Fare Regulation.* – The local government units shall determine the routes, including the location of terminals and operating hours, and prescribe the fare structure for non-motorized vehicles within the respective jurisdictions. The fare structure must be reasonable and commensurate with the distance traveled.

SEC. 7. *Safety Standards.* – The local government units shall establish safety standards, which include the following:

- a) Non-motorized vehicles are equipped with reflectors, headlights, and taillights for safety purposes.
- b) Non-motorized vehicles must not exceed a maximum speed limit of 20 kilometers per hour.
- c) Non-motorized vehicles must only carry two (2) passengers at a time.
- d) Non-motorized vehicles are not allowed to operate on highways or major thoroughfares.

SEC. 8. *Cooperative and Insurance.* – The local government units, through the cooperatives development officer, must encourage and provide support to drivers and operators of non-motorized vehicles to form a cooperative or join an existing cooperative that serve their purpose.

Likewise, the local government units must strive to provide accident insurance

coverage for the drivers and passengers of non-motorized vehicles.

SEC. 9. *National Policies.* – In formulating national transportation policies and other policies affecting transportation such as land use plans infrastructure plans, and economic and development plans, among others, the responsible national government agencies shall always consider non-motorized vehicles and ensure its sustainability.

SEC. 10. *Violations and Penalties.* – Any person who operates a non-motorized vehicle without a permit, or violates the safety standards provided under Section 7 of this Act shall be punished with a fine of not less than One Thousand pesos (Php1,000.00) but not more than Five thousand pesos (Php5,000.00), or imprisonment of not less than one (1) nor more than six (6) months, or both.

The local government units shall also formulate and establish a point system as basis for the suspension or revocation of the permit of the driver or operator of non-motorized vehicles. Three violations of the driver or operator may be a ground for the suspension or revocation of the permit issued.

SEC. 11. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall, in coordination with the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government and Assistant Secretary of the Land Transportation Office, issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 12. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 13. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a website provided for by law.

Approved,