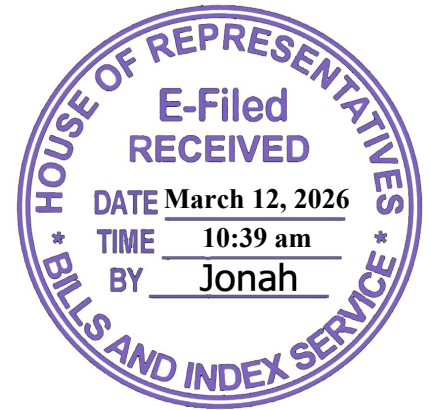


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The continuous rise in motor vehicle ownership has brought about serious challenges in urban areas, particularly traffic congestion, road obstructions, and pedestrian safety concerns. A major contributor to these problems is the lack of adequate parking facilities, which results in vehicles being parked on public roads, sidewalks, and other spaces not intended for such use. This practice not only disrupts traffic flow but also endangers pedestrians and diminishes the overall orderliness of our communities.

This proposed measure seeks to address the issue by requiring proof of a parking space or garage facility before a motor vehicle may be purchased and registered with the Land Transportation Office. The purpose of this requirement is to ensure that every vehicle has a designated place when not in use, thereby reducing road obstructions and promoting responsible ownership.

It is the responsibility of every car owner to secure a proper parking space and not occupy sidewalks that are intended for foot traffic and pedestrians. Vehicle ownership must come with accountability, and part of that accountability is ensuring that cars do not become a burden to the community.

The passage of this bill will help establish order, improve traffic conditions, and promote the welfare of both motorists and pedestrians. In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
REGULATING THE SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES BY REQUIRING A PROOF-OF-PARKING SPACE OR GARAGE FACILITY FROM MOTOR VEHICLE BUYERS AS A PREREQUISITE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE AND REGISTRATION WITH THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE

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 "Proof-of-Parking Space Act"

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology. The State also recognizes that the use of property bears a social function, hence it is subject to the duty of the State to intervene when the common good so requires. Towards this end, the State shall promulgate measures to lessen traffic congestion, curb the number of private vehicles, and provide safe and uncluttered pathways where people may freely walk through space for ongoing human and vehicular traffic.

SEC. 3. Scope and Application. - Any person, whether natural or juridical, 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 intended to be bought before they can purchase a motor vehicle. Each and every motor vehicle shall require a separate space for parking.

The affidavit executed by the prospective buyer of motor vehicles shall be presented to the Land Transportation Office (LTO) as a prerequisite 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, stating that a permanent parking space or facility already exists for the motor vehicle which is the 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/her affidavit under Articles 171 and 172 of the Revised Penal Code or other relevant laws.

SEC 5. Role of the LTO - The LTO shall make as a prerequisite in the registration of a motor vehicle in 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), or the engineering office of the local government unit (LGU) concerned about the existence of motor vehicles that are parked on the streets, alleys, or pathways primarily used for pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic. Authorized personnel of the LTO, MMDA, LGU engineering office, and law enforcement agencies shall conduct periodic ocular inspection for the purpose of strictly implementing the provisions of this Act.

The LTO, MMDA, or personnel from the LGU concerned shall, motu proprio or upon a complaint, ascertain the veracity of the non-existence of a permanent parking space or facility for a registered motor vehicle.

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 (P50,000.00) 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 the statements in the instrument attesting to the availability of the permanent parking space or facility for the motor vehicle, shall be 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 Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Department of Interior and Local Government, MMDA, LTO, and representatives from the LGUs in Metro Manila, shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 9. Repealing Clause. - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, memoranda, rules, and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. Separability Clause. - If any part or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

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

Approved,