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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 2, Section 16 states:

The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.

Sustained sounds exceeding 100 decibels (dB) can cause permanent hearing damage in humans. In addition to the obvious unwanted effect of hearing loss, noise can cause other health issues as well. It increases blood pressure, has negative cardiovascular effects such as changing the way the heart beats, increases breathing rate, disturbs digestion, can cause an upset stomach or ulcer, can negatively impact a developing fetus, perhaps contributing to premature birth, and makes it difficult to sleep, even after the noise stops.

These are preventable health risks which this legislation seeks to address.*

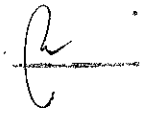

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* This bill was originally filed in the 14th Congress.

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1 AN ACT
2 ADDRESSING PUBLIC NOTICE OF CERTAIN HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS

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

3 SECTION 1. *Notification.* In all bus, Light Rail Train (LRT), and Metro Rail Transit
4 (MRT) stations where the noise level measured exceeds 100 decibels (DB), the Department of
5 Transportation and Communications shall cause to be posted, in a manner visible to passengers
6 exposed to such noise level, a sign stating:

7 "The Level of Noise in this station exceeds 90 DB. Medical Experiments have
8 proven that extended exposure to noise at, or above, this level will result in a loss
9 of hearing and may be harmful to your health. The use of hearing protectors is
10 recommended."

11 SECTION 2. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or
12 parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or
13 modified accordingly.

14 SECTION 3. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
15 following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,