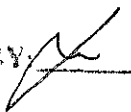


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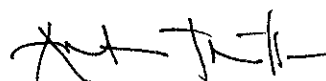
Article II Section 5 of the 1987 Constitution declares that the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy. Nevertheless, a handful of local events run counter to the above principle as they have compromised the safety of the riding public.

The Luneta bus hijacking crisis last August 2010 has cast a shadow on the safety of our public transport system, and the peace and order situation of our country as a whole. The Cotabato bus bombing in October of the same year which killed nine passengers and wounded several others only exacerbated such public insecurity. These are not isolated cases such that news of bus-related tragedies have time and again alarmed and frustrated both law enforcers and the riding public.

In response to the aforementioned tragedies, Metro Manila and some local governments have stepped up safety precautions by fielding policemen in buses to stave off attacks inside passenger buses. It is in this light that this measure seeks to expand on this local security approach. The enactment of a national legislation deploying police personnel to act as marshals in all public utility buses is envisaged to forestall the occurrence of the aforementioned crises in the future.

This bill is a counterpart of the proposed measure filed by Reps. Irwin C. Tieng and Mariano Michael M. Velarde, Jr. of BUHAY Party-List in the House of Representatives.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.



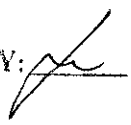
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AN ACT

DEPLOYING POLICE PERSONNEL TO ACT AS MARSHALS IN ALL PUBLIC UTILITY BUSES

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title .—** This Act shall be known as the "***Police Bus Marshals Act***
2 ***of 2011.***"

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4 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It shall be the policy of the State to promote safety and
5 discipline in the public utility bus sector for the benefit of not only the riding public but of all
6 road users, as well.

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8 **SEC. 3. Deployment of Police Officers as Bus Marshals.** – Philippine National Police
9 (PNP) personnel shall be assigned to all operating buses throughout the country. This assignment
10 shall ensure that a marshal oversees a public utility bus for the duration of its entire operation.

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12 **SEC. 4. Deputy Civilian Marshals.** – The PNP shall be authorized to deputize and train
13 qualified civilians to act as bus marshals and reinforce the police personnel assigned to marshal
14 the public utility buses.

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16 **SEC. 5. Plain Clothing While on Duty.** – In order to induce an atmosphere of normalcy,
17 bus marshals shall wear plain clothing while on duty. Such clothing, however, shall distinguish
18 them from the riding public.

1 **SEC. 6. *Duties and Responsibilities.*** – The Police Bus Marshal shall be tasked to
2 maintain peace and order inside the public utility bus during its operation and shall also ensure
3 that such bus follows traffic rules and regulations strictly.

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5 **SEC. 7. *Inventory of Public Utility Buses.*** – The Land Transportation Franchising and
6 Regulatory Board (LTFRB), in coordination with the Land Transportation Office (LTO), shall
7 submit to the PNP an inventory of the public utility buses operating throughout the country. Said
8 inventory shall contain an indication of the owner of the franchise involved, the bus routes plied,
9 and the Local Government Unit having jurisdiction of the respective routes, among others.

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11 **SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The Department of Interior and Local
12 Government (DILG), in collaboration with the PNP, shall formulate the necessary guidelines and
13 promulgate rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

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15 **SEC. 9. *Appropriation.*** – Such sums as may be necessary for the immediate
16 implementation of the provisions of this Act are hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any
17 funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Thereafter, funds for its
18 implementation shall be included in the regular appropriations of the DILG and the PNP.

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20 **SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders or parts thereof
21 inconsistent with the provisions not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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23 **SEC. 11. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
24 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,