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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Globalization and modernization has brought to life certain commercial industries which were almost non-existent before. This include the emergence of the pay parking industry, where once, a parking space in any part of the country, is made readily available to the public free of charge, as part of the complimentary services offered by the concerned establishment.

But today, as we adopt certain models for multiple streams of income for businesses, which include the provision of onerous pay parking schemes, the cost of parking has already become a daily expense we can no longer ignore.

With the intention of promoting the welfare and interests of the paying public, in particular, those who avail of parking spaces and its facilities, there is a need for us to regulate the imposition of parking fees by all establishments, whether public or private, thereby making it free of charge for the first three (3) hours of use by any customer, patron, client, consumer and the like, provided, that person has made a purchase or have availed of the services provided by said establishment, as evidenced by his receipt/s.

Accordingly, this would somehow provide the Filipino paying public with a modest respite from the spate of price increases on fuel, energy, commodities and services where the general current wage rate cannot proportionately cope with.

Hence, approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.

GOY EJERCITO ESTRADA

Senator

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AN ACT

REQUIRING ALL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS TO PROVIDE FREE PARKING FOR ALL CUSTOMERS, PATRONS, CLIENTS, CONSUMERS AND THE LIKE, FOR THE FIRST THREE HOURS OF USE OF THE PARKING SPACE AND ITS FACILITIES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

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

- **SECTION 1**. All establishments, whether private or public, are hereby required to provide free parking for all customers, patrons, clients, consumers and the like, for the first three hours of use of the parking space and its facilities.
- **SEC. 2.** In excess of the first three (3) hours of free use of the parking space and its facilities, a parking fee shall be collected based on a reasonable fee assessment as regularly imposed by said establishments; Provided that the customer, patron, client, consumer and the like has made a purchase or have availed of the services provided by the said establishment, as evidenced by his receipt/s.
- **SEC. 3**. Any person or establishment, whether private or private, who violates the provisions of the preceding section shall be fined with not less than Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) and imprisonment or both, upon the discretion of the court.
- **SEC. 4**. Nothing herein contained, directly or indirectly, shall prevent other establishments from providing absolute free parking to their customers, patrons, clients and consumers.

SEC. 5. **Repealing Clause**. - All laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, administrative orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are deemed amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 6. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take fifteen (15) days upon completion of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,