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EXPLANATORY NOTE

During the nine months of pregnancy, expectant mothers carry the responsibility of safeguarding the health of the fetus in her womb. The transmission of human life is so central to the survival of the human race that in most civilized societies, the state of expectancy is held in special consideration, and special privileges are accorded to expectant mothers.

This bill seeks to require buildings, institutions, establishments and public utilities to reserve certain facilities such as parking and seating spaces for the use of expectant mothers. This bill also seeks to promote awareness of the special circumstances of expectant mothers and to re-enforce pro-life values and compassion among the rest of society.

In view of the foregoing, early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



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**AN ACT
REQUIRING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, INSTITUTIONS, ESTABLISHMENTS AND
PUBLIC UTILITIES TO RESERVE SUFFICIENT AND SUITABLE PARKING
OR SEATING SPACES FOR THE USE OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS**

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

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, public and private
2 buildings for public use, educational institutions, airports, sports and recreation
3 centers and complexes, shopping centers or establishments, workplaces, public
4 utilities shall reserve sufficient and suitable parking or seating spaces for the use
5 of expectant mothers.

6 SEC. 2. In case of public transportation, devices such as the prominent
7 display of posters or stickers shall be used to generate public awareness of the
8 rights herein instituted and foster understanding of the special circumstances of
9 expectant mothers. Discrimination against expectant mothers in the carriage or
10 transportation of passengers is hereby declared unlawful.

11 SEC. 3. The Department of Health, in coordination with the appropriate
12 agencies shall, within sixty (60) days, promulgate the necessary rules and
13 regulations to implement the provisions of this act.

14 SEC. 4. Any person violating any provision of this Act or of the rules and
15 regulations promulgated thereunder shall, upon conviction by a court of
16 competent jurisdiction, suffer the penalty of imprisonment of not less than one (1)

1 month but not more than one (1) year or a fine of Five thousand pesos
2 (P5,000.00) to Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) or both, at the discretion of the
3 court: Provided, That in the case of corporations, partnerships, cooperatives or
4 associations, the president, manager or administrator, or the person who has
5 charge of the building, space or utilities shall criminally responsible for any
6 violation of this Act and/or rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

7 SEC. 5. All laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are
8 hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

9 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
10 the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general
11 circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,