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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our Constitution declares in Article II, Sec. 16 that:

“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.”

Sadly enough, the protection and conservation of our environment has, for the major part, been neglected. This has resulted in the uncontrolled and wanton destruction of our forests, rivers, seas and other natural resources. Studies show that air pollution in Metro Manila where 10 million people live, has reached levels beyond the standards established by the World Health Organization, a situation not only alarming but of disastrous proportions.

The gravity of the pollution problem compellingly demands immediate adoption of measures to contain this menace. Studies also reveal that the major sources of air pollution in Metro Manila are the hundred of thousands of vehicles traversing its roads and streets everyday. Aggravating the situation is the use of unleaded gasoline, a major air pollutant.

This bill therefore mandates the installation of anti-pollution devices as a condition for vehicle registration. Setting this requirement may perhaps contribute a little to the lessening of air pollution in our midst.

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


MANUEL B. VILLAR, JR.



Order

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ANTI-POLLUTION DEVICES AS
PRE-REQUISITE TO THE REGISTRATION AND ISSUANCE OF LICENSES AND
LICENSE-PLATE NUMBERS TO VEHICLES NEWLY REGISTERED, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. No vehicle, whether private or intended to be used as a public utility vehicle,
2 shall be registered by the Land Transportation Office (LTO) and issued a license plate and
3 registration number without satisfactory proof that said vehicle has been installed with an anti-
4 pollution device.

5 SEC. 2. The Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), the Department
6 of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Department of Health (DOH), are
7 hereby directed to conduct the study of the efficacy, ease of installation and pertinent costs of
8 available anti-pollution devices to determine which type of devices are adequate to meet the
9 purposes of this Act.

10 SEC. 3. The DOTC and the DENR shall jointly formulate a set of standards for anti-
11 pollution devices for vehicular applications before any such devices are approved for
12 manufacture, distribution, sale or use.

13 SEC. 4. The DOTC, in consultation with the DENR, and DOH, shall formulate the
14 implementing guidelines to carry out the provisions of this Act.

15 SEC. 5. The DOTC shall implement the provisions of this Act as well as the rules and
16 regulations promulgated thereunder and shall render an annual report to Congress.

17 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication in two (2)
18 newspapers of general circulation.