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S.B. No. 826

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AN ACT

REGULATING THE SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN METRO MANILA BY REQUIRING A PROOF-OF-PARKING SPACE OR FACILITY FROM MOTOR VEHICLE BUYERS AS A PREREQUISITE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE AND REGISTRATION WITH THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The problem with traffic is not only confined in the big city streets such as EDSA, and congestion is not isolated in the vicinity of Manila ports - the motor vehicles that continue to occupy the side streets, parked and idle, push carts, litters of all kind have been eyesores and a hindrance to foot and automobile traffic in most of our streets.

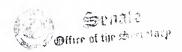
Motor vehicle owners should be made responsible to provide a permanent parking space for their private vehicles, whether this is made an integral part of their house or building structure or a leased facility. The street is primarily intended for vehicular or foot traffic and should not be appropriated as personal parking spaces for these vehicles. Any financially-able purchaser of a motor vehicle can be presumed to be able to provide a parking facility for his vehicle.

Thus, this bill aims to instill a culture of responsible vehicle ownership among Filipinos once it becomes a law. It acknowledges that car owners and local government units (LGUs) have shared responsibility of reclaiming public roads to ease the perennial traffic woes in Metro Manila. It mandates individuals and businesses based within Metro Manila to only be allowed to purchase vehicles after the execution of an affidavit confirming that they have acquired, either through purchase or lease, a parking space for the vehicle sought to be purchased.

This bill also mandates the Land Transportation Office, the Metro Manila Development Authority, and LGUs to conduct frequent ocular inspections of major and minor thoroughfares across the National Capital Region to remove illegally parked vehicles and to punish vehicle owners who refuse to comply with the law.

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

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Proof-of-Parking
Space Act."

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SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology. The State also recognizes that the use of property bears a social function, hence it is subject to the duty of the State to intervene when the common good so requires. Towards this end, the State shall promulgate measures to lessen traffic congestion, curb the number of private vehicles, and provide safe and uncluttered pathways where people may freely walk-through space for ongoing human and vehicular traffic. SEC. 3. *Scope and Application.* - Any person, whether natural or juridical, with residence or business address in Metro Manila who intends to purchase a motor vehicle, shall be required to execute an affidavit which shall be acknowledged before a notary public, attesting to the availability of a permanent parking space or facility or that a parking space or facility has been leased or procured specifically for the purpose of parking the motor vehicle intended to be bought before they can purchase a motor vehicle. Each and every motor vehicle shall require a separate space for parking.

8 The affidavit executed by the prospective buyer of motor vehicles shall be 9 presented to the Land Transportation Office (LTO) as a pre-requisite for registration.

SEC. 4. Responsibility of Prospective Buyer of Motor Vehicle. - No motor vehicle 11 may be legally conveyed in the absence of a public document duly attested to by the 12 prospective buyer of a motor vehicle and acknowledged before a notary public, that 13 a permanent parking space or facility already exists or that a parking space or facility 14 has been leased or procured for the motor vehicle which is subject of the sale. The 15 affiant shall be bound by the claims stated in the document and shall be held liable 16 for untruthful statements made in his affidavit under Articles 171 and 172 of the 17Revised Penal Code. 18

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SEC. 5. *Role of the Land Transportation Office. -* The LTO shall make as a prerequisite in the registration of a motor vehicle the submission of the affidavit attesting to the availability of a permanent parking space or facility or that a parking space or facility has been leased or procured specifically for the purpose of parking for the motor vehicle to be purchased.

The document must be kept on file and the same shall be produced when there exists a claim or evidence to the contrary that the parking space or facility attested therein does not exist.

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29 SEC. 6. *Local Government Units and Citizen Patrol.* - Any concerned individual 30 may report to the LTO, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), or the

engineering office of the local government unit (LGU) concerned the existence of 1 motor vehicles which are parked on the streets, alleys or pathways primarily used for 2 pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic. Authorized personnel of the LTO, MMDA, LGU 3 engineering office, and law enforcement agencies shall conduct periodic ocular 4 inspection for the purpose of strictly implementing the provisions of this Act. 5

The LTO, MMDA, or personnel from the LGU concerned shall, motu propio or 6 upon a complaint, ascertain the veracity of the non-existence of a permanent parking 7 space or facility for a registered motor vehicle. 8

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SEC. 7. Penalties. - A motor vehicle registration issued to an owner, whether 10 natural or juridical, which has been fraudulently obtained from the LTO by making 11 untrue claims in the public document executed for the purpose of complying with the 12 requirements under Sections 3 and 4 of this Act, shall be revoked, and the motor 13 vehicle owner shall be suspended from registering a motor vehicle under his name 14 for a period of three (3) years and imposed a fine in the amount of Fifty Thousand 15 Pesos (P50,000.00) for every violation of the provisions of this Act. 16

Any officer or employee of the LTO who has allowed the registration of a motor 17 vehicle without the necessary document required under Section 3 of this Act or with 18 knowledge of the falsity of the statements in the instrument attesting to the 19 availability of the permanent parking space or facility for the motor vehicle, shall be 20 suspended from office for a period of three (3) months without pay. 21

The penalties enumerated herein shall be without prejudice to the liability that 22 may be incurred under the Revised Penal Code and other existing laws and 23 ordinances. 24

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SEC. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the 27 Department of Interior and Local Government, MMDA, LTO and representatives from 28 the LGUs in Metro Manila, shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the effective 29 30 implementation of this Act.

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1 SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, 2 memoranda, rules, and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of 3 this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

5 SEC. 10. *Separability Clause.* - If any part or provision of this Act is declared 6 unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain 7 in full force and effect.

9 SEC. 11. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its 10 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation in the 11 Philippines.

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