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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution of the Philippines, in its second article entitled Declaration of Principles and State Policies, promulgates that it is a state policy to protect and promote the right of the people to health and instill health consciousness among them. Also, the Constitution states 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. Thus, health is a priority of the State.

Health faces danger in an environment where sanitation and cleanliness is absent. Therefore, it becomes imperative that all means of ensuring cleanliness be utilized. To this end, proper waste collection and disposal must be addressed.

In our society, most citizens rely on public utility vehicles for their transportation. Different kinds of vehicles are available in most places of our country to cater to the needs of our fellowmen who wish to reach their desired destinations.

It must be observed that a number of public utility vehicles now have waste baskets which serve as container for their passenger's garbage. This condition is very much remarkable and indeed, very much commendable. However, it must also be noted that a larger number of public utility vehicles do not have such container for their garbage. Accordingly, passengers in these PUVs are left with only two choices. First, is to keep their garbage with themselves, for instance, keeping tiny pieces of candy wrappers inside their pockets, or just to throw them away just anywhere. Unfortunately, it is the second option most of the time. Hence, littering results.

It is in this regard that the passage of this bill is sought. Not only is proper waste disposal a requirement for a perfectly healthy environment, but cleanliness is also an asset for tourism in the country.




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AN ACT
 MANDATING MAINTENANCE OF CLEANLINESS
 ON PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES
 AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Title. - This Act shall be known and cited as the "PUV-Cleanliness Act."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of the people to health and instill health consciousness among them. Thus, all forms of sanitation and maintenance of cleanliness shall be upheld by the State.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. - For purposes of this Act, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- (a) "Public Utility Vehicles (PUVs)" refers to all vehicles used for public transportation, such as: taxis, jeepneys, tricycles, and other means of transportation;
- (b) "Wastes" refers to any kind of garbage, whatever size or kind;
- (c) "Waste Basket" refers to any kind of storage that may serve as a container for either wet or dry wastes or garbage;
- (d) "Basket" refers to the Waste Basket;
- (e) "Act" refers to the PUV-Cleanliness Act.

SECTION 4. Unlawful Acts - The following shall be unlawful acts:

- (a) Failure to have waste baskets in public utility vehicles;
- (b) Failure to collect contents of waste baskets in the public utility vehicles;
- (c) Failure to maintain the conditions of the waste basket by disregarding whether the basket is still conducive to function as it is intended.
- (d) Consciously, or unconsciously, throwing wastes in any part of PUVs, be it small pieces of candy wrappers to huge pieces of plastic bags, and other wastes.

(e) Failure to throw wastes in the basket;

(d) And other similar and analogous circumstances.

SECTION 5. Administrative Agency – The Department of Transportation and Communication, with its attached agencies, namely Land Transportation Office, Land Transportation, Franchising and Regulatory Board, and the Traffic Management Division, are mandated by this Act to implement and supervise the operation of the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 6. Penalties – Persons found guilty of any of the unlawful acts listed in Sec 4 of this Act shall be fined with not less than One Thousand Pesos (P 1,000.00) but shall not exceed Four Thousand Pesos (P4, 000.00).

SECTION 7. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 8. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,