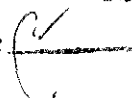


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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

1 AN ACT
2 TO PROHIBIT UNATTENDED CHILDREN IN MOTOR VEHICLES

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

5 SECTION 1. *Unattended Children in Motor Vehicles.* A parent, legal guardian, or other
6 person responsible for a child or children who are eight years of age or younger shall not leave
7 such child or children inside a motor vehicle without supervision by a person who is fourteen
8 years of age or older under one or more of the following circumstances :

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- 10 A) Under conditions presenting a significant risk to the child's health or safety;
 - 11 B) The engine of the motor vehicle is running; or
 - 12 C) The keys to the motor vehicle are anywhere in the passenger compartment of the
 - 13 motor vehicle.

14 SECTION 2. *Penalty* – Any violation of section 1 of this Act shall be punishable by a
15 penalty of Five Thousand Pesos (P5, 000.00) for the first offense, Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,
16 000.00) for the second offense, and confiscation of the offender's driver's license and a fine of
17 Fifty thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) upon the third and final offense.

18 SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts
19 thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
20 accordingly.

1 SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is
2 declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof which are not
3 affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

4 SECTION 5. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
5 following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

6 Approved,