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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The growing air traffic congestion and delay problem that we face in the country today is the result of many factors, including airline practices, inadequate investment in airport and air traffic control infrastructure, and how aviation infrastructure is priced. Passengers are not promptly informed of the cause of such delay resulting to their inconvenience.

Addressing this problem will promote the interests of passengers, airlines, airports, and the local economy. If not addressed, air delay problems will intensify causing prejudice to the consumers.

The proposed bill requiring commercial airlines to make flight delay information available to the public may help reduce flight delays.¹

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1 AN ACT
2 REQUIRING COMMERCIAL AIRLINES TO MAKE FLIGHT DELAY
3 INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
6 *Congress assembled:*

7 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Air Travel Delay Awareness
8 Act".

9 SECTION 2. *Availability of Flight Delay Information.* - The Secretary of the Department
10 of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) shall require each air carrier, foreign air carrier,
11 or intrastate air carrier that provides air transportation or intrastate air transportation to make
12 available to the public information regarding the delay of a scheduled passenger flight not later
13 than 10 minutes after such information is available.

14 SECTION 3. *Manner of Availability* - An air carrier, foreign air carrier, or intrastate air
15 carrier shall make the information referred to in Section 2 available through the following:

- 16 (1) Any Internet website of such air carrier, foreign air carrier, or intrastate air carrier;
17 (2) Any automated recording related to flight departure or arrival times maintained by
18 such air carrier, foreign air carrier, or intrastate air carrier;
19 (3) Announcements at appropriate airports; and
20 (4) Flight information screens at appropriate airports.

21 SECTION 4. *Regulations* - The DOTC shall promulgate regulations to implement the
22 provisions of this Act not later than 90 days after the date of its enactment.

23 SECTION 5. *Prohibition and Penalties.* - Any air carrier, foreign air carrier, or intrastate
24 air carrier who violates the provisions of this Act, shall be liable for a fine of not less than Fifty

1 thousand pesos (P50,000.00) nor more than Seventy thousand pesos (P70,000.00) plus
2 suspension of license or permit for thirty (30) days; for the second offense, to a fine of not less
3 than Seventy thousand pesos (P70,000.00) nor more than Eighty thousand pesos (P80,000.00)
4 plus suspension of license or permit for sixty (60) days; and for the third and final offense,
5 imprisonment of not less than six (6) months nor more than six (6) years or a fine of not less than
6 Eighty thousand pesos (P80,000.00) nor more than One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00),
7 or both such imprisonment and fine, at the discretion of the court, plus the cancellation of the
8 license or permit.

9 If the offender is a firm, corporation, partnership or association, the penalty shall be
10 imposed against its owner, manager, president or any responsible officer.

11 If the offender is an alien, he shall be deported after serving his sentence without further
12 proceeding and shall be barred from entering the Philippines.

13 SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part thereof, is held invalid or
14 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
15 valid and subsisting.

16 SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
17 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or inconsistent
18 with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

19 SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
20 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.