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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Government-issued vehicles are being used for non-government-related activities. The Office of the Ombudsman recently reported more than 100 cases of unofficial usage of government vehicles last year.

These red plated vehicles must be kept in a designated / provided garage after office hours, during weekends and even on holidays. The use of government vehicles on Sundays, legal holidays, or out of the regular office hours and even outside the route of the officials and employees which are authorized to use them, or by a person other than the one authorized should be outlawed.

In government offices, officials as well as employees hardly see the distinction between what is personal and what is official. Officials issued government vehicles use them for personal purposes, such as going to the mall, picking up children in school, going to mass, etc.

The proposed legislation seeks to regulate the use of Government owned and issued vehicles. It prohibits the use of Government vehicles for personal use. This legislation also seeks to intensify energy-saving and anti-graft and corruption campaign of the Government.<sup>1</sup>

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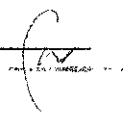
<sup>1</sup> This bill was originally filed in the third regular session of the 14<sup>th</sup> Congress.

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1 AN ACT  
2 REGULATING THE USE OF GOVERNMENT OWNED AND ISSUED  
3 VEHICLES

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

4 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act may be known as the “*Government Vehicle*  
5 *Regulation Act*”.

6 SECTION 2. *Prohibition.* – No government vehicle, whether government-owned,  
7 leased or rented shall be used for other than official purposes. No such vehicles shall be  
8 used for the transportation of any government officer or employee between his place of  
9 abode and place of employment except in connection with official duties for the  
10 convenience of the Government.

11 SECTION 3. *Vehicle Identification.* – All vehicles leased or owned by the  
12 government shall display a distinguishing word, letter and symbol indicating to which  
13 agency or department the vehicle is assigned. This logo shall include the proper name of  
14 the agency or department and shall be affixed to the sides of the driver and passenger  
15 doors in a fashion that would make them easily visible. The letterings on the signs shall  
16 be no smaller than two (2) inches in height. If an agency or department does not have a  
17 logo, the full proper name of the agency in letters will meet the requirements of this  
18 provision.

19 Vehicles leased by the government shall be clearly identified by either:

20 (a) A removable decal or sticker identifying the agency/department to  
21 which the vehicle is leased or:

22 (b) By a removable decal or sticker stating that the vehicle is leased by the  
23 government; and shall be also identified by the attachment of a government  
24 license plate,

25 The decal or sticker shall be placed in the lower left corner of the rear window of  
26 the leased vehicle.

27 SECTION 4. *Standard Decals.* – A standardized decal or sticker shall be designed  
28 and made available by the Land Transportation Office (LTO) to all government entities,  
29 including the Judiciary and Legislative branches of government.

30 SECTION 5. *Exceptions.* – At the discretion of the head of any department,  
31 agency or instrumentality having jurisdiction over the government employee may allow  
32 government vehicles to be driven directly from duty to the home of the government  
33 employee and directly back to duty as provided.

34 The following vehicles shall also be exempted from the application of this Act:

35 (a) Vehicles transferring the President, Vice-President, and Cabinet  
36 Secretaries;

37 (b) Vehicles transferring members of the Senate or the House of  
38 Representatives;

39 (c) Vehicles transferring Justices of the Supreme Court and the Court of  
40 Appeals;

41 (d) Vehicles transferring Governors, Vice-Governors, Mayors and Vice-  
42 Mayors and

43 (e) Vehicles used for security or undercover purposes by instrumentalities  
44 of the government involved in law enforcement activities.

45 SECTION 6. *Compliance Requirement.* – No government vehicle shall be  
46 assigned until complying with the Implementing Rules and Regulations in the use of a  
47 vehicle specifically because the Government Employee could not proceed to duty except

48 by using the government vehicle. The Civil Service Commission shall promulgate the  
49 Implementing Rules and Regulations relative to this Act.

50 SECTION 7. *Presumption.* – Use of government vehicles on Sundays, legal  
51 holidays, or out of the regular office hours and even outside the route of the officials and  
52 employees which are authorized to use them, or by a person other than the one authorized  
53 shall be treated a prima facie evidence of violation.

54 SECTION 8. *Penalties.* – Any head of any government agency who fails to  
55 comply in whole or in part the requirement set forth in Section 3 of this Act shall be  
56 subject to a fine not less than Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) and suspension from  
57 service for a period of not less than one (1) month without pay.

58 Any person who shall authorize, order or perform any of the acts or practices  
59 constituting in whole or in part a violation of Sections 2 of this Act, shall upon  
60 conviction, be subject to a fine of not less than One Hundred Thousand Pesos  
61 (P100,000.00) and suspension from service for a period on three (3) months without pay.

62 SECTION 9. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part thereof, is held  
63 invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise  
64 affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

65 SECTION 10 *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,  
66 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to,  
67 or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended  
68 accordingly.

69 SECTION 11. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days  
70 after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.