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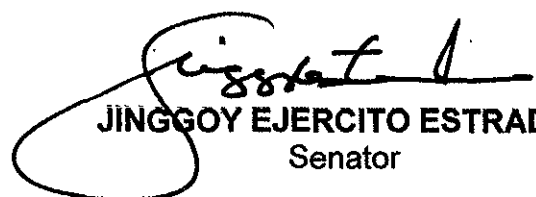
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has recognized that air pollution from the transport sector is one of the major challenges in addressing air pollution and air quality in the country. The transport sector's contribution to air pollution is a serious and a critical issue in the country, particularly in Metro Manila and major cities nationwide. As of 2010, the total number of motor vehicles registered with the Land Transportation Office already reached 6,634,555 which reflect an annual average increase of six percent (6%).

This measure seeks to enhance and strengthen the national motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program to address the alarming air pollution from the transport sector as well as help promote an efficient and safe operation of all motor vehicles. Likewise, majority of the road accidents are caused by the unsafe practices of drivers and roadworthiness of in-use vehicles in the country.

As such, the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) shall be tasked to formulate a comprehensive plan to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Motor Vehicle Inspection System nationwide. Further, a complete facility in various regions shall be established for the re-tooling and continuous education of drivers, specifically those who use their profession for public transport.


In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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Senator

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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 21 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8749, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS "THE PHILIPPINE CLEAN AIR ACT OF 1999"

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

SECTION 1. Under Section 21 of Republic Act No. 8749, otherwise known as "The Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999", a new provision is hereby inserted as follows:

"(e) TO ENSURE THAT SMOKE EMISSIONS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES COMPLY WITH NATIONAL STANDARDS, THE RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED UPON SUBMISSION OF PROOF OF COMPLIANCE WITH EMISSION STANDARDS THROUGH ACTUAL TESTING BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION SYSTEM (MVIS) OF THE DOTC AND AUTHORIZED PRIVATE EMISSION TESTING CENTERS. AS SUCH, THE DOTC SHALL FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MVIS NATIONWIDE.

"AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF THE MVIS IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPLETE FACILITY NEEDED FOR THE RE-TOOLING AND CONTINUOUS EDUCATION OF DRIVERS WHO USE THEIR PROFESSION FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT. APPROPRIATION FOR THE SAID PROGRAM SHALL BE SOURCED FROM THE SPECIAL VEHICLE POLLUTION CONTROL FUND UNDER THE MOTOR VEHICLE USERS CHARGE."

SEC. 2. Separability Clause - If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC. 3. Repealing Clause - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provision of this act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC. 4. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,