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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is noticeable that one of the social and health services that our government continues to disregard is the availability of clean and sanitary public restrooms, especially in the Metropolis. More often than not, a person will have to go to a nearby mall, hotel, restaurant or any establishment in order to access a public restroom.

While Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that "the State shall protect and promote the right to health of people and instill health consciousness among them," there is a need to construct clean and odorless restrooms not only along the national highways but also in public areas in cities and towns throughout the country.

Hence, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC RESTROOMS

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

SECTION 1. It is the policy of the State to provide public restrooms in designated public areas, in the cities and towns of the country as well as along the national highways to ensure access and use of clean and sanitary facilities.

SEC. 2. The construction and maintenance of the public restroom shall be the responsibility of the local government units (LGUs) provided that along the national highways, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall be responsible for the construction of said facilities.

SEC. 3. To maintain and keep the public restrooms, reasonable fees may be charged for their use.

SEC. 4. The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) in coordination with the Department of Tourism (DOT) and the Department of Health (DOH) shall promulgate the rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act including the fees to be charged, the cost and type of construction and the maintenance and upkeep of facilities.

SEC. 5. The amount necessary for the construction of the public restrooms under this Act shall be included in the respective budgets of the local government units (LGUs), DILG and DPWH as may be provided in the implementing rules and regulations.

SEC. 6. All laws or parts thereof inconsistent with any provisions of this Act shall be deemed repealed or modified as the case may be.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect after publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,