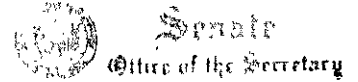


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 2, Section 15, provides:

Section 15. The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

Carbon monoxide has been called the "silent killer." Because carbon monoxide is colorless, odorless, tasteless, and non-irritating, victims are not aware of the danger around them. It is a significantly toxic gas and is the most common type of fatal poisoning in many countries. Exposures can lead to significant toxicity of the central nervous system and heart.

Early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include drowsiness and headache, followed by unconsciousness, respiratory failure, and death. First aid for a victim of carbon monoxide poisoning requires access to fresh air; administration of artificial respiration and, if available, oxygen; and, as soon as possible, medical attention.

This bill addresses both the mechanical and educational component of this issue. It tries to protect the consumer by requiring a safety inspection of carbon monoxide emissions of all public utility vehicles. Further, it seeks to educate the consumer on the warning signs and actions to take to prevent poisoning.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This bill was originally filed during the Thirteenth Congress, Third Regular Session.

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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Carbon Monoxide  
2 Poisoning Prevention Act.”

3 SECTION 2. *Inspection.* – A safety inspection shall be made with respect to all  
4 Public Utility Vehicles and their Exhaust System for the purpose of ensuring that carbon  
5 monoxide levels in the vehicle will not reached unsafe levels in excess of 70 PPM (Parts  
6 per Million).

7 SECTION 3. *Education to Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning.* – The Land  
8 Transportation and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) in consultation with the Department of  
9 Health, shall prepare and distribute with each operator's license, whether issued or  
10 renewed, a pamphlet lion the warning signs of carbon monoxide poisoning and the  
11 appropriate actions to be taken to prevent such accidental poisoning.

12 SECTION 4. *Appropriations.* – To carry out the provisions of this Act, such  
13 amount as may be necessary is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the  
14 National Treasury. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continuous operation of this  
15 program shall be included in the annual appropriation of the LTFRB.

1           SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part thereof, is held invalid  
2 or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall  
3 remain valid and subsisting.

4           SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,  
5 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to,  
6 or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended  
7 accordingly.

8           SECTION 7. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
9 its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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