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AN ACT  
PROVIDING FOR ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 2, Section 15 provides, "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."

A study by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Bank found that traffic fatalities, including those caused by alcohol, are a serious world health problem that is often overlooked. According to the study, one in every 50 deaths worldwide is associated with road accidents. Each year, 1.2 million drivers, passengers, cyclists, and pedestrians are killed in traffic crashes. By 2020, traffic deaths are expected to increase by 80 percent as hundreds of millions of cars are added to the roads.

The World Health Organization lists road accidents as the "second leading cause" of death worldwide among the young aged 5 to 29. An estimated 40 percent of these accidents are attributed to driving under the influence of liquor or narcotics (DUI), or drunk driving. Some 480,000 of these deaths and 20 million of the injured are caused by drunk driving.

Most laws against drunk driving are punitive in nature. This legislation focuses on the practical side of prevention. By giving patrons of establishments that serve alcoholic

drinks the option of an alternative transportation; driving under the influence incidents can be avoided. \*

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\* This bill was originally filed in the Fourteenth Congress, Second 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. *Sign Posting and Alternative Transportation Assistance.* –

2 A) The owners or operators of establishments with a license to sell any alcoholic  
3 beverage for consumption on the premises shall display in a conspicuous place a sign or  
4 poster with conspicuous lettering that states: “Drinking and driving do not mix. If  
5 requested, management will assist you in placing a local call to obtain alternative  
6 transportation.”

7 B) The owners or operators of establishments with a license to sell any alcoholic  
8 beverage for consumption on the premises shall assist patrons in obtaining alternative  
9 transportation should it be requested pursuant to paragraph (A) of this section. Assistance  
10 shall be provided by placing a minimum of one local telephone call to a local  
11 transportation service and in areas where a local transportation service is not available, or  
12 in cases where such local transportation service does not respond to a request for service,  
13 allow the patron to place one local telephone call on their own behalf in an effort to  
14 obtain alternative transportation.

15 SECTION 2 *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or  
16 portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby  
17 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

1           SECTION 3. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days  
2 following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general  
3 circulation.

Approved,

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