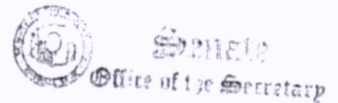


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 286

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Public Services and Science and Technology on MAR 19 20

Re: Senate Bill No. 1749

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 1695, taking into consideration House Bill No. 725.

Sponsor: Senator Grace Poe

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Public Services and Science and Technology to which were referred Senate Bill No. 1695, introduced by Senator Poe, entitled:

**“AN ACT
TO IMPROVE LAND TRANSPORTATION TERMINALS, STATIONS, AND STOPS,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

taking into consideration House Bill No. 725, introduced by Reps. Dalog, Revilla, Dalipe, Pimentel, Gonzales, Castelo, Biazon, Sambar, Sarmiento (C.) and Primcias-Agabas, entitled:

**“AN ACT
PROHIBITING THE COLLECTION OF FEES FROM PASSENGERS FOR THE USE OF
SANITARY FACILITIES LOCATED IN THE LAND TRANSPORTATION
TERMINALS, STATIONS, STOPS AND RESTAREAS”**

have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached Senate Bill No. 1749, prepared by the Committees entitled:

**“AN ACT
TO IMPROVE LAND TRANSPORTATION TERMINALS, STATIONS, STOPS, REST
AREAS AND ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF TERMINALS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill No. 1695, taking into consideration House Bill No. 725, with Senators Poe and Aquino as authors thereof.

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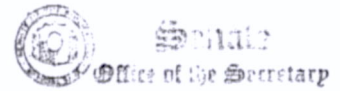


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**AN ACT
TO IMPROVE LAND TRANSPORTATION TERMINALS, STATIONS, STOPS, REST
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION. 1. Declaration of Policy.**- The State recognizes that the right of every
2 establishment to a fair return of investment carries with it a corresponding social responsibility
3 to provide adequate facilities for the comfort of its clientele. Towards this end, the State shall
4 hereby require the owners, operators and administrators of land transportation terminals,
5 stations, stops, rest areas and roll-on/roll-off terminals to improve their facilities through the
6 provision of free internet services and clean sanitary facilities.
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8 **SEC. 2. Definition of Terms.**- As used in this Act, the following terms shall mean:
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- 10 a) "*Lactation Station*" refers to a private, clean, sanitary, and well-ventilated room or
11 area where nursing mothers can wash up, breastfeed or express their milk
12 comfortably and store this afterward;
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- 14 b) "*Land transport terminal/station*" refers to a passenger station and a place for the
15 final stopover or a permanent station, office and yard of public utility vehicles,
16 which may also serve as loading and unloading area for passengers;
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- 18 c) "*Land transport stop*" refers to a common place for the stopover of public utility
19 vehicles located along the highways or regular route for transport in long-distance
20 travel;
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2 d) “*Rest area*” refers to a facility located at a strategic point along the national highway
3 or route of the traveling public which is provided with parking space, restaurants or
4 snack bars, other business shops, recreational facilities, service stations, public
5 restroom facilities or waiting sheds for travellers or commuters;
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7 e) “*RORO Terminal*” refers to a terminal which is part of the Road Roll-On/Roll Off
8 system; *and*
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10 f) “*Sanitary facilities*” refer to a set of facilities that include at least a combination of
11 comfort room and hand-washing facilities, as detailed in Section 4 of this Act.
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13 **SEC. 3. Provision of Free Internet.**- Pursuant to Republic Act No. 10929, otherwise
14 known as the “*Free Internet Access in Public Places Act*”, the Department of Information and
15 Communications Technology (DICT), in coordination with the Department of Transportation
16 (DOTr) and other concerned stakeholders, shall ensure that free internet is provided in
17 transportation terminals, stations, stops, rest areas and RORO terminals. Owners, operators, or
18 administrators of such establishments shall fully to ensure the speedy and efficient
19 implementation of this provision.
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21 **SEC. 4. Standards for Sanitary Facilities.**- The owner, operator, or administrator of land
22 transport terminals, stations, stops, rest areas, and RORO terminals shall provide clean sanitary
23 facilities for passengers which shall be provided with the following:
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- 25 a) Separate rest rooms for persons with disabilities (PWDs), male, and female
26 passengers;
27 b) Adequate ventilation and lighting;
28 c) Safe, adequate, and running water supply;
29 d) Flush system;
30 e) Toilet seat with cover;
31 f) Lavatory with toilet paper, mirror, soap, hand dryer and door lock;
32 g) Waste bin; *and*
33 h) Exclusive space for diaper-changing.
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35 In implementing this provision, owners, operators, or administrators of land transport
36 terminals, stations, stops, rest areas, and RORO terminals shall also comply with the applicable
37 standards under Presidential Decree No. 856, otherwise known as the “*Code on Sanitation of the*
38 *Philippines*”. The DOTr, in coordination with the relevant government agencies, shall conduct
39 random ocular inspections to ensure that such establishments comply with this provision.
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1 **SEC. 5. Prohibition on Collection of Fees to Access Sanitary Facilities.** It shall be
2 unlawful to collect fees from passengers for the use of regular sanitary facilities therein. For the
3 purpose of this Act, the concerned passenger must show the paid bus ticket for the day in order
4 to avail of the free use of sanitary facilities: *Provided*, however, That the provisions of this Act
5 shall not apply to separate, well-appointed or deluxe sanitary facilities that are operated solely
6 for commercial purposes and for the convenience of passengers who require and prefer such
7 facilities within land transport terminals, stations, stops, rest areas and RORO terminals.
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9 **SEC. 6. Lactation Station.** - - The owner, operator, or administrator of land transport
10 terminals, stations, stops, rest areas, and RORO terminals shall establish at least one (1)
11 lactation station which shall be separate from the sanitary facilities. The lactation stations shall
12 be clean and compliant with the applicable provisions under Republic Act No. 7600, as amended
13 by Republic Act No. 10028, otherwise known as the "*Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of*
14 *2009*" and its rules and regulations. The DOTR, in coordination with the DOH and other relevant
15 government agencies, shall conduct random ocular inspections to ensure that such establishments
16 comply with this provision.
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18 **SEC. 7. Penalty.**-
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- 20 a) Any owner, operator or administrator of land transport terminals, stations, stops, rest
21 areas and RORO terminals who does not comply with the standards for sanitary
22 facilities under Section 4 of this Act shall be liable for a fine in the amount of
23 five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) for each day of violation;
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- 25 b) Any owner, operator or administrator of land transport terminals, stations, stops, rest
26 areas and RORO terminals who violates the prohibition under Section 5 of this Act
27 shall be liable for a fine in the amount of five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) for each
28 day of violation;
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- 30 c) Any owner, operator or administrator of land transport terminals, stations, stops, rest
31 areas and RORO terminals who does not provide and maintain a lactation station as
32 required under Section 6 of this Act shall, in addition to the sanctions under Section
33 21 of the "*Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009*", be liable for a fine in the
34 amount of five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) for each day of violation.
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36 The Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB), after five (5) years
37 from the effectivity of this Act and once every five (5) years thereafter, review the applicability
38 and enforcement of the fines prescribed in the preceding paragraphs and the necessary
39 adjustments on the amount of the fine imposed subject to the approval of the Secretary of the
40 Department of Transportation (DOTR).

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2 **SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.***- The DOTr , in coordination with the
3 DICT, LTFRB, Department of Health (DOH) and the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) and
4 other concerned stakeholders shall, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act,
5 jointly promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations to carry out the provisions
6 of this Act.

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8 **SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.***- All laws, decrees, executive orders or parts thereof
9 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
10 accordingly.

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12 **SEC. 10. *Effectivity.***- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
13 in the *Official Gazette* in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

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15 Approved,