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**AN ACT
EXEMPTING ALL VEHICLES FROM PAYING TOLL FEES ON CERTAIN
HOLIDAYS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE
NO. 1112, AS AMENDED**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Based on the study conducted by the Boston Consulting Group in September to October 2017, Metro Manila motorists and commuters spend an average of 66 minutes daily in traffic – which places Metro Manila as the 3rd worst in traffic in Southeast Asia. This translates to Philippines losing P3.5 billion a day due to traffic congestion in Metro Manila, according to the Japan International Cooperation Agency in February 2018, and this may rise to P5.4 billion by 2035 if the problem is not resolved.

Other than the financial losses incurred and will be incurred; traffic congestion affects one's health, work performance and even relationships, causes pollution, road rage and accidents – thus, it affects the quality of life in general.

With all the negative impact that the worsening traffic situation in the country has brought to its people, providing solution to the condition even on certain days could really ease the burden on the affected Filipinos.

This bill proposes to exempt all vehicles on certain holidays from the payment of toll fees under such procedures and circumstances as will be promulgated by the Toll Regulatory Board. This will ensure smooth travel

through the North Luzon Expressway (NLEx), South Luzon Expressway (SLEx) and other connecting toll highways.

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


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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 6 of Presidential Decree 1112, as amended, is
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 “SECTION 6. *Exemption.* Government vehicles on official
4 business AND ALL VEHICLES ON CERTAIN HOLIDAYS shall be
5 exempted from the payment of toll fees under such procedures and
6 circumstances as will be promulgated by the Board.”

7 **SECTION 2.** *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Toll
8 Regulatory Board shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be
9 necessary to implement the provision of this Act within ninety (90) days
10 after the effectivity of this Act.

11 **SECTION 3.** *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees,
12 executive orders, or issuances, or any part thereof which are inconsistent
13 with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified
14 accordingly.

1 **SECTION 4. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
2 after its publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general
3 circulation.

Approved,