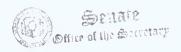
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# AN ACT DECLARING MAY 8 AS THE 'PUBLIC LAND TRANSPORTATION WORKERS' DAY'

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to declare May 8 of each year as a special working day throughout the country, primarily to uplift the social standing of our public transportation workers and recognize their significant contribution to society. By doing so, we honor them as an essential workforce in our nation.

In the Philippines, several public utility vehicles are both unique to our culture and a source of national pride. They provide affordable transportation to our citizens of various socioeconomic levels. These vehicles, which include jeepneys, multicabs, taxis, buses, transport network vehicle services (TNVS), tricycles, and pedicabs, form the backbone of our transportation system, and help in the development of our economy.

Public transportation workers face numerous challenges. They contend with the threats of global pandemics, exposure to pollution, grueling traffic conditions, sweltering heat, unpredictable rain, and the continually changing landscape of fuel prices. Beyond these physical and economic hardships, these workers bear the significant responsibility of ensuring the safety of their passengers.

It is fitting, then, that we express our appreciation and gratitude for the vital role these workers play in our society's continued development. By declaring May 8 of every year as a special working day, we take a pivotal step in acknowledging the

importance of public transportation workers in the fabric of our daily lives. They are, without a doubt, indispensable to our nation's progress and the well-being of our people.

This act is the Senate Counterpart of House Bill (HB) No. 1985, principally authored by Hon. Claudine Diana D. Bautista-Lim, the Representative of DUMPER-PTDA Party-list.

In view of the foregoing, I earnestly seek the immediate approval of this measure.

CYNTHIA A. VILLAR

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### Introduced by **SENATOR CYNTHIA A. VILLAR**

# AN ACT DECLARING MAY 8 AS THE 'PUBLIC LAND TRANSPORTATION WORKERS' DAY

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

- Section 1. Short *Title*. This Act shall be known as the "Public Land Transportation Workers' Day Act".
- Sec. 2. *National Public Land Transportation Workers' Holiday*. The eighth day of May of every year shall be declared as a special working day to honor the public land transportation workers.
- Sec. 3. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,