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AN ACT PROHIBITING THE COLLECTION OF FEES FROM
PASSENGERS FOR THE USE OF SANITARY FACILITIES IN THE
LAND TRANSPORT TERMINALS, STATIONS, STOPS AND REST
AREAS

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

1 SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – Section 15, Article II of the
2 Philippine Constitution declares: “The State shall protect and promote the right
3 to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.” The
4 right of every establishment to a fair return of investment carries with it a
5 corresponding social responsibility to provide adequate facilities for the
6 comfort of its clientele. Towards this end, the State shall require the owners,
7 operators and administrators of land transport terminals, stations, stops and rest
8 areas to provide and maintain suitable and clean sanitary facilities, free of
9 charge to passengers and travelers.

1 SEC. 2. *Definition of Terms.* – As used in this Act:

2 (a) *Land transport terminal/station* refers to a passenger station and a
3 place for the final stopover or a permanent station, office and yard of public
4 utility vehicles, which may also serve as loading and unloading area for
5 passengers;

6 (b) *Land transport stop* refers to a common place for the stopover of
7 public utility vehicles located along the highways or regular route for transport
8 in long distance travel;

9 (c) *Rest area* refers to a facility located at a strategic point along the
10 national highway or route of the traveling public which is provided with
11 parking space, restaurants or snack bars, other business shops, recreational
12 facilities, service stations, public restroom facilities or waiting sheds for
13 travelers or commuters; and

14 (d) *Sanitary facilities* refer to a set of facilities that include at least a
15 combination of comfort room, hand-washing and drinking facilities.

16 SEC. 3. *Prohibition Against Imposing and Collecting Fees.* – It shall
17 be unlawful for the owner, operator or administrator of land transport
18 terminals, stations, stops and rest areas to collect fees from passengers for the
19 use of regular sanitary facilities therein. For the purpose of this Act, the
20 concerned passenger must show the paid bus ticket for the day in order to avail
21 of the free use of the sanitary facility: *Provided, however,* That the provisions
22 of this Act shall not apply to separate, well-appointed or deluxe sanitary
23 facilities that are operated solely for commercial purposes and for the
24 convenience of passengers who require and prefer such facilities within land
25 transport terminals, stations, stops or rest areas.

26 SEC. 4. *Penalty; Review of Penalty.* – Any owner, operator or
27 administrator of land transport terminals, stations, stops and rest areas who

1 violates the prohibition under Section 3 of this Act shall be liable for a fine in
2 the amount of five thousand pesos (P5,000.00).

3 The Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB)
4 shall, after five (5) years from the effectivity of this Act and once every five (5)
5 years thereafter, review the applicability and enforcement of the fine
6 prescribed in the preceding paragraph and the necessary adjustments on the
7 amount of the fine imposed subject to the approval of the Secretary of the
8 Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC).

9 SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The DOTC and the
10 LTFRB shall, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, jointly
11 promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations to carry out the
12 provisions of this Act.

13 SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders or
14 parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed,
15 amended or modified accordingly.

16 SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
17 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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