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SANDOVAL, ESPINO, CATAMCO, ABELLANOSA, SY-ALVARADO
AND ROBES, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1144

AN ACT ALLOWING AND REGULATING THE USE OF
MOTORCYCLES AS PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES, AMENDING
FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136 OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC
CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Motorcycles-
2 for-Hire Act”.

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4 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the Senate to
5 render basic services to the people and promote their safety and general
6 welfare. Toward this end, the use of motorcycles as an alternative mode of
7 public transportation is hereby allowed and regulated in recognition of the
8 need to provide convenience and ease of commute in urban and rural areas
9 while ensuring public safety and the efficiency of the transportation system as
10 a whole.

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12 SEC. 3. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 4136 or the Land
13 Transportation and Traffic Code is hereby amended by adding a new word
14 which shall be defined as follows:

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18 “(N) MOTORCYCLES-FOR-HIRE – ANY TWO-WHEELED
19 MOTOR VEHICLE THAT MAY BE REGISTERED WITH THE
20 LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE AS FOR HIRE AND
21 MAY BE USED AS A COMMERCIAL VEHICLE TO
22 TRANSPORT PASSENGERS AND GOODS: *PROVIDED, THAT,*
23 FOR TRANSPORTING PASSENGERS, THE MOTORCYCLE SHALL

1 **HAVE A MINIMUM ENGINE DISPLACEMENT OF 125 CUBIC**
2 **CENTIMETERS AND A BACKBONE TYPE BUILT.”**

3 **SEC. 4.** – Section 7 (d) of Republic Act No. 4136 is hereby amended to read
4 as follows:

5 “Section 7. Registration Classification. – Every motor vehicle shall be
6 registered under one of the following described classifications:

7 (a) xxx

8 (b) xxx

9 (c) xxx

10 (d) Public utility automobiles; e) public utility trucks; (f) taxis
11 and auto-calesas; (g) garage automobiles; (h) garage trucks;
12 (i) hire trucks; [and] (j) trucks owned by contractors and
13 customs brokers and customs agents[.]; **AND (K)**
14 **MOTORCYCLES-FOR-HIRE.** Application for
15 registration under these classifications shall be accompanied
16 by a certificate of public convenience or a special permit
17 issued by the **LAND TRANSPORTATION**
18 **FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD** [Public
19 Service Commission], and motor vehicles registered under
20 these classifications shall be subject to the Public Service
21 Law, rules and regulations, as well as the provisions of this
22 Act.

23 xxx.”

24 **SEC. 5.** *Roadworthiness of Motorcycles-for-hire.* The Land Transportation
25 Office (LTO) shall ensure the roadworthiness of motorcycles-for-hire before
26 registration or renewal of registration. To further ensure safety, no modification shall
27 be made on motorcycles-for-hire, except the installation, based on safe engineering
28 design specifications; of motorcycle luggage carrier, saddlebag, step board or foot peg
29 and appropriate speed limiter and monitoring device.

30 **SEC. 6.** *Issuance of Driver's License.* Pursuant to Section 23-A of the Land
31 Transportation and Traffic Code, as amended by Republic Act No. 10930, the LTO
32 shall promulgate the necessary prerequisites and guidelines for the issuance of
33 licenses to the driver-applicants, including the theoretical and practical examinations
34 appropriate for motorcycles-for-hire. The LTO shall also ensure the continuous safety
35 training of licensed drivers of motorcycles-for-hire.

1 **SEC. 12. *Repealing Clause.*** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
2 executive order, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or inconsistent
3 with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

4 **SEC. 13. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
5 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
6 circulation.

7 Approved,