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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. **426**

Submitted by the Committee on the Welfare of Children on **09 OCT 2017**

Re: House Bill No. **6570**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered **2235 and 3581**

Sponsors: Representatives Divina Grace C. Yu, Strike B. Revilla and Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on the Welfare of Children, to which were referred **House Bill No. 2235** introduced by Rep. Strike B. Revilla, entitled:

“AN ACT
TO PROHIBIT UNATTENDED CHILDREN IN MOTOR VEHICLES”

and **House Bill No. 3581** introduced by Rep. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, entitled:

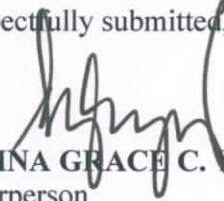
“AN ACT
TO PROHIBIT UNATTENDED CHILDREN IN MOTOR VEHICLES”

has considered the same and recommends that the attached **House Bill No. 6570**, entitled:

“AN ACT
**PROHIBITING LEAVING CHILDREN BELOW EIGHT YEARS OLD
UNATTENDED IN MOTOR VEHICLES”**

be approved in substitution of **House Bills Numbered 2235 and 3581**, with Reps. Revilla, Macapagal-Arroyo, Sy-Alvarado, Alonte, Del Rosario, Belaro, Gasataya, Ortega (P.), Romero, Nieto, Palma, Malapitan, Bolilia, Pimentel, Martinez, Garcia (J.E.), Herrera-Dy, Velasco-Catera, Madrona, Yu, Ungab, Veloso, Savellano, Bertiz, Nograles (J.J.), Nava, Collantes, Suansing (H.), Bautista-Bandigan, Bernos, Suansing, Gonzales (A.P.), Aggabao, and Tan (A. H.) as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



DIVINA GRACE C. VU
Chairperson
Committee on the Welfare of Children

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HOUSE BILL NO. **6570**
(in substitution of House Bills No. 2235 and 3581)

Introduced by Representatives Revilla, Macapagal-Arroyo, Sy-Alvarado, Alonte, Del Rosario, Belaro, Gasataya, Ortega (P.), Romero, Nieto, Palma, Malapitan, Bolilia, Pimentel, Martinez, Garcia (J.E.), Herrera-Dy, Velasco-Catera, Madrona, Yu, Ungab, Veloso, Savellano, Bertiz, Nograles (J.J.), Nava, Collantes, Suansing (H.), Bautista-Bandigan, Bernos, Suansing, Gonzales (A.P.), Aggabao, and Tan (A. H.)

AN ACT
PROHIBITING LEAVING CHILDREN BELOW EIGHT YEARS OLD
UNATTENDED IN MOTOR VEHICLES

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

1 **SECTION 1. Unattended Children in Motor Vehicles.** – No child younger than the
2 developmental age of eight (8) years shall be left unattended inside a motor vehicle without
3 supervision by a person who is eighteen (18) years of age or older, under any of the following
4 circumstances:

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6 a) the conditions present a significant risk to the child's health or safety;
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8 b) the engine of the motor vehicle is running; or
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10 c) the key to the motor vehicle is anywhere inside the passenger compartment of the
11 motor vehicle.

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13 **SEC. 2. Penalty.** – Any violation of this Act shall be punishable by a penalty of Five
14 thousand pesos (Php 5,000.00) for the first offense, Ten thousand pesos (Php 10,000.00) for
15 the second offense, and a fine of Fifty thousand pesos (Php 50,000.00) with confiscation of
16 the driver's license for the third offense. Any subsequent offense shall carry the penalty of
17 revocation of the driver's license.

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19 **SEC. 3. Public Awareness Campaigns** – Public awareness campaigns on this
20 prohibition and the dangers of leaving children unattended inside motor vehicles shall be
21 undertaken nationwide by the Land Transportation Office (LTO).
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2 **SEC. 4. Implementation.** – Within sixty (60) days from the implementation of this
3 Act, the LTO in consultation with the member-agencies of the Council for the Welfare of
4 Children, shall issue the rules and regulations to implement this Act.

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6 **SEC. 5. Separability Clause.** – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
7 unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and
8 effect.

9 **SEC. 6. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations,
10 policies, programs or parts thereof, that are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this
11 Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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

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16 Approved,

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. **6570**

in substitution of House Bills Numbered **2235** and **3581**

(As approved by the Committee)

AN ACT PROHIBITING LEAVING CHILDREN BELOW EIGHT YEARS OLD UNATTENDED IN MOTOR VEHICLES

Introduced by: **REPRESENTATIVES REVILLA, MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, SY-ALVARADO, ALONTE, DEL ROSARIO, BELARO, GASATAYA, ORTEGA (P.), ROMERO, NIETO, PALMA, MALAPITAN, BOLILIA, PIMENTEL, MARTINEZ, GARCIA (J.E.), HERRERA-DY, VELASCO-CATERA, MADRONA, YU, UNGAB, VELOSO, SAVELLANO, BERTIZ, NOGRALES (J.J.), NAVA, COLLANTES, SUANSING (H.), BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN, BERNOS, SUANSING, GONZALES (A.P.), AGGABAO, AND TAN (A. H.)**

*Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN
Committee Chairperson: HON. DIVINA GRACE C. YU*

OBJECTIVES:

- To prevent deaths and injuries caused by leaving children unattended inside motor vehicles
- To instill awareness and vigilance against this dangerous practice

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Prohibits children below eight (8) years old from being left inside a motor vehicle without adult supervision when conditions are highly risky to the child's health and safety, or its engine is running, or its key is inside the vehicle
- Penalizes first-time offenders with a ₱5,000 fine; second-time offenders with a ₱10,000 fine; third-time violators with a ₱50,000 fine plus confiscation of driver's license and revocation of driver's license beyond the third violation
- Mandates the conduct of public awareness campaigns nationwide regarding this prohibition and the dangers of leaving children unattended inside motor vehicles
- Directs the Land Transportation Office to implement this Act and, in consultation with the member-agencies of the Council for the Welfare of Children, formulate its Implementing Rules and Regulations within sixty (60) days from its effectivity