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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Watch Community sponsored by the erstwhile representative of the Second District of Quezon City, whereby CCTV cameras were installed at the gates of subdivisions in the Second District of Quezon City proved to be an effective deterrent to the commission of crimes. The presence of CCTV cameras mimics vigilant monitoring of a live sentinel or security personnel. By adopting the same technology in public utility buses, the incidence of PUB-related crimes in Metro Manila shall also dramatically decline. Recent NCR-PNP crime stats indicate that lawless elements such as close-quarter robbers had taken the advantage of the facility of robbing PUB passengers on account of non-detection.

Hence, CCTV cameras should be installed in all public utility buses in Metro Manila in order to deter criminals from committing PUB-related offenses.

The immediate passage of this piece of legislation is sought for.


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AN ACT

**REQUIRING OPERATORS OF PUBLIC UTILITY BUSES IN METRO MANILA TO
INSTALL CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) CAMERAS IN THEIR BUSES AND
PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "CCTV Requirement in Public Utility Buses Act."

SEC. 2. Under this Act, all operators of Public Utility Buses in Metro Manila shall be required to install CCTV Cameras in their buses.

SEC. 3. Any operator of Public Utility Bus who violates any provision of this Act shall, upon conviction, suffer the penalty of a fine of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php 50,000.00) but not more than One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 100,000.00) for each PUB and a suspension of the franchise until such time that the operator shall have complied with the requirement of installation of the CCTV cameras for all their franchised buses.

SEC. 4. To effectively implement the provisions of this Act, the Philippine National Police (PNP), in coordination with the Land Transportation Office (LTO), the Land Transportation Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB) and the Metro Manila Development Authority, shall formulate rules and regulations that would technologically link their control centers with every Public Utility Bus operating in Metro Manila.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,