

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2482



Introduced by Representative **CLAUDINE DIANA D. BAUTISTA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare May 8 of each year as a special working holiday all over the country to be known as the Public Transportation Drivers' Day. This is primarily to uplift the social standing of our public transportation drivers, and to recognize their contribution to our society by honoring them as an important work force of our nation.

In the Philippines, we have several public utility vehicles that are uniquely and proudly Filipino, which provide affordable public transportation to all levels of our citizens. Through the ingenuity of our people, we have innovated public transportation vehicles such as the jeepneys, multicabs, taxis, buses, tricycles, and pedicabs to serve as the backbone of our transportation system and economy.

Public transportation drivers brave the hazards of pollution, terrible traffic condition, torching heat and unpredictable downpours. In addition to the heavy rigors of their work, they are entrusted with hefty burden of protecting the lives and limbs of their passengers as the primary mode of public transportation in our country.

For this reason, it is time to show our appreciation and gratitude to every public transportation driver for the crucial role they play to the overall development of our society. Declaring May 8 of every year as a special working holiday could be the first step in showing that public transportations drivers are a vital and necessary cog in the wheels of our everyday lives. Truly, all our public transportation drivers are important to our nation and to the entire country.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. The declaring the eighth day of May of every year as a special working holiday to give honor to all public utility vehicle drivers all over the country, to be known as the “**Public Transportation Drivers’ Day**”.

SEC. 2. The Department of Transportation and Railways, in coordination with the Land Transportation and Franchising Regulatory Board and other concerned agencies of the government, shall, within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,