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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2923



Introduced by **Rep. Precious Hipolito Castelo**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill brings into this 18th Congress an earlier proposal of Rep. Rodante Marcoleta seeking, in effect, a free parking policy to be carried out by owners and operators of shopping malls, supermarkets, schools, hospitals, hotels and similar business, commercial and public establishments precisely to protect the interest of the consumers as well as establish standards of conduct for business and industry as enshrined in Article 2 of RA No. 7304, also known as the Consumer Act of the Philippines.

Under this submission, there is hereby prescribed a 'Two-Hour Free Parking Policy' that shopping malls, schools, hospitals, hotels and similar business as well as public establishments shall promote for the interest of the consumers in accordance with the Consumer Law given that the provision of designated parking areas or facilities are actually a basic amenity that should be so provided lest such private or even public establishments would not have been allowed to be built.

This bill seeks to rationalize the collection of parking fees in light of an unregulated environment that may have overlooked the welfare of the customers or consumers they serve in order that they rake reasonable profit and viable return on their investments.

With these premises considered, the approval of this measure is therefore urgently prayed for.


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AN ACT
PROMOTING A TWO-HOUR FREE PARKING POLICY IN SHOPPING MALLS,
SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, HOTELS, AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS AND
PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. It is a declared State policy to protect the life, liberty and property of the general public consistent with the manifest role of the private and public sector to provide opportunities and incentives.

SEC. 2. This Act shall be known as the 'Free Parking Policy Act.'

SEC. 3 Under this Act, owners and agents of shopping malls, schools, hospitals, hotels, and similar business or public establishments shall hereby promote a "Two-Hour Free Parking Policy".

SEC. 4. When the parking customer exceeds the first two (2) hour free allotment, he shall be assessed the parking fee regularly imposed by said establishment; provided that should said customer purchase a product(s) or service(s) within said establishment, he should be entitled to a 10% parking fee rebate if the total value of his total purchase or receipt is not less than P1,000.00 in the case of private establishments and or valid proof of transaction in the case of public establishments.

SEC. 5. Any person who violates the provisions hereof shall be fined of not less than TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P25,000.00) and imprisonment of not less than six (6) months, or both, upon the discretion of the Court.

SEC. 6. Nothing is implied in this Act, directly or indirectly, that establishments opting not to collect parking fees at all shall be dissuaded from doing so.

SEC. 7. Any provision of law, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, contrary to, or inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved,