

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3627



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE NOEL L. VILLANUEVA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to prohibit the boundary system of paying wages to drivers and conductors in buses, jeepneys and other types of mass transport system.

It is a reality that many innocent lives have been lost and others have been injured by reckless drivers of our public transportation system in their desire to earn a decent living. Practically, all these drivers are being paid on the basis of percentage on income. Under this system, drivers are forced to drive as fast as possible overtaking other public utility vehicles so they can get the passengers waiting for a ride even outside the station. Various opinion polls reveal that the boundary system has been the prime cause of road accident along Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City, which has been identified as the Killer Highway.

The paramount objective of this bill is to offer remedy to avoid further loss of lives by giving a fixed salary to our public transport drivers so that they will not be driving recklessly to get as many passengers as possible since they will receive a fixed wage anyway. With the boundary system will be minimized if not totally eliminated for the great benefit of the travelling public. Eliminating the boundary system will be for the greater benefit of the drivers, conductors and the travelling public in the long run.

In view of the foregoing reasons, the approval of this bill is warranted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Noel L. Villanueva".

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**“AN ACT
PROHIBITING THE BOUNDARY SYSTEM OF PAYING WAGES TO DRIVERS AND
CONDUCTORS IN BUSES, JEEPNEYS AND OTHER TYPES OF MASS TRANSPORT
SYSTEM AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”**

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

SECTION 1. The boundary system of paying wages to drivers and conductors in buses, jeepneys and other mass transport system is hereby prohibited.

SECTION 2. Any person or corporation found guilty of violating this Act shall suffer the penalty of imprisonment of not less than six (6) months but not more than two (2) years or a fine of two hundred thousand pesos (P200,000.00) or both at the discretion of the court.

If the offender is a corporation, the penalty shall be imposed upon its Chairman or President.

SECTION 3. The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), in consultation with the Department of Transportation (DoTr) shall, within sixty (60) days upon approval of this Act, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,