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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Metropolitan Manila Development Authority is mandated, by virtue of Republic Act 7924, to lead traffic management efforts for the whole Metro Manila as well as to provide Metro-wide services, which are essentially services that have metro-wide impact and transcend local political boundaries or entail huge expenditures such that it would not be viable for said services to be provided by individual local government units (LGUs) comprising Metropolitan Manila. Traffic Management is at the forefront of the mandated tasks of the MMDA. Since its creation in 1994, the MMDA has conceptualized, proposed and implemented all types of metro-wide programs that has made life in this bustling metropolis easier, keeping at bay the chaos that threatens to overwhelm Metro Manila residents – be it traffic congestion, flooding, garbage, pollution, and all other threats to public safety.


The MMDA alone has the mandate, the manpower, the know-how, the equipment, facilities, the institutional culture and the budget in place to combat this traffic crisis. Rather than rock the boat too much, it is the position of this Representation to utilize the systems already in place and maximize its potential.

The MMDA is beset by the problem caused by the inadequacy of its power to pass ordinances that is acceptable to the courts. The collective wisdom of the voting members of the Metro Manila council composed of 17 elected Mayors, the president of the Vice Mayors League and the Councilors League, complemented by representatives from all national government agencies cannot be effectively used in light of the limitations of its power as provided in RA 7924.


In order to enable the MMDA to deliver on its mandated tasks, this measure seeks to strengthen the MMDA by amending its charter. To give it the power to enact ordinances which will have the full force and effect of a law among its member LGUs upon ratification; the power to enforce traffic laws and MMDA ordinances related to the metro-wide programs

of the agency and the budget to modernize and upgrade its equipment and hire additional personnel to man the streets of the metropolis.

So that we can start the business of solving the traffic crisis, the passage of this measure is earnestly requested.


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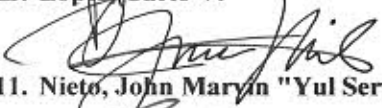
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AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 7924, STRENGTHENING THE METROPOLITAN MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Section 1. Sections 5 and 6 of Republic Act 7924 are hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 5. Functions and Powers of the Metro Manila Development Authority is hereby amended as follows:

(e) The MMDA shall set the policies concerning traffic in Metro Manila, and shall coordinate, regulate AND ENFORCE the implementation of all programs and projects concerning traffic management, specifically pertaining to enforcement, engineering and education. Upon request, it shall be extended assistance and cooperation, including but not limited to, assignment of personnel, by all other government agencies and offices concerned;

(f) Install and administer a single ticketing system, fix, impose and collect fines and penalties for all kinds of violations of traffic rules and regulations, whether moving or non-moving in nature, and confiscate and suspend or revoke drivers' licenses in the enforcement of such traffic laws and regulations, the provisions of R. A. 4136 and P. D. 1605 to the contrary notwithstanding;

(G) ENFORCE ALL TRAFFIC LAWS AND REGULATIONS IN METRO MANILA, THROUGH ITS TRAFFIC OPERATION CENTER, AS WELL AS MMDA ORDINANCES THAT MAY BE ISSUED RELATIVE TO ITS METRO-WIDE SERVICES, AND MAY DEPUTIZE MEMBERS OF THE PNP, TRAFFIC ENFORCERS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, DULY LICENSED SECURITY GUARDS OR MEMBERS OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO WHOM MAY BE DELEGATED CERTAIN AUTHORITY, SUBJECT TO SUCH CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS AS THE AUTHORITY MAY IMPOSE.

(H) Perform other related functions required to achieve the objectives of the MMDA, including the undertaking of delivery of basic services to the local government units, when deemed necessary subject to prior coordination with and consent of the local government unit concerned.

Sec. 6. Functions of the Metro Manila Council. —

(b) It shall approve metro-wide plans, programs and projects and issue rules and regulations, resolutions AND ORDINANCES deemed necessary by the MMDA to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(d) It shall promulgate rules and regulations, set policies and standards AND ENACT ORDINANCES for metro-wide application governing the delivery of the MMDA's scope of services provided, prescribe and collect service and regulatory fees, and impose and collect fines and penalties. MMDA ORDINANCES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION WITHOUT AMENDMENTS BY THE CITY / MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF EACH LGU-MEMBER OF THE MMDA NO MORE THAN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS AFTER ITS PASSAGE IN THE METRO MANILA COUNCIL. THE MMDA ORDINANCE AFTER ITS RATIFICATION SHALL HAVE THE FORCE AND EFFECT OF LAW.

Section 2. Appropriations. - To carry out the purposes of this Act, a one-time appropriation of Four Billion Pesos (P 4,000,000,000) is hereby authorized for the upgrading / modernization of equipment and hiring of additional personnel by the MMDA in addition to the budget of the MMDA as provided in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 3. The Metropolitan Manila Development Authority shall formulate and issue appropriate implementing rules and regulations necessary within 90 days after the passage of this Act for the efficient and effective implementation of all provisions of this Act.

Section 4. Repealing Clause. — All other laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 5. Separability Clause. — If any part or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions thereof which are not affected shall continue to remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Effectivity. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following completion of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.