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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2468

Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE JOEL MAYO Z. ALMARIO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to regulate car wash facilities nationwide with the end goal of safeguarding the health of the general populace and protecting the environment.

Car wash facilities are flourishing nationwide, with customers coming in weekly or even on a daily basis. Unfortunately, this creates wastewater that negatively impacts the environment if not properly managed and discharged.

Contaminants in wash wastewater contain oil and grease composed of hazardous materials like benzene, lead, zinc, chromium, arsenic, and other metals. These chemicals may soak into the ground and contaminate the soil and groundwater. The detergents used in car washes, even those labeled biodegradable, and other chemicals such as hydrofluoric acid and ammonium bifluoride products, and solvent-based solutions are harmful and poisonous to both land and water living organisms and animals. Debris from car washes may also clog sewer inlets and grates, thereby causing flooding due to blocking of the drainages to the sewer. Additionally, not all sewerage systems in the country are equipped with the necessary treatment facilities that remove pollutants. In such cases, car wash wastewaters are released untreated to surface water bodies which can be harmful to humans, plants, and animals.

With the passage of this bill, it is hoped that the ill-effects of unregulated car washes will be curbed for the well-being of our citizens and our environment.

Support for this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
MANDATING THE REGULATION OF ALL CAR WASH FACILITIES
NATIONWIDE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title** – This Act shall be known as the “*The Car Wash*
2 *Regulation Act of 2019.*”

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4 **SECTION 2. Scope** – All car wash facilities and establishments, whether
5 operating independently, or attached to a gas station, car dealer, car service
6 centers and other similar establishments, are mandated to construct a water
7 recycling system and a water treatment facility within its premise as a
8 prerequisite to the granting of a permit to operate. It is likewise mandated that
9 only non-hazardous cleaning compounds may be used in all car wash services.

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11 Existing car wash establishments with permits to operate are given twelve
12 (12) months from the approval of this Act to comply with the provisions hereof.

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14 **SECTION 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations** - Within ninety (90)
15 days from the enactment of this Act, the Department of Environment shall
16 promulgate the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) necessary for the full
17 implementation of this Act.

1 **SECTION 4. *Separability Clause*** - The invalidity, unconstitutionality or
2 unenforceability of any provision of this Act shall in no way affect the validity or
3 enforceability of any other provisions hereof.

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5 **SECTION 5. *Effectivity*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
6 complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general
7 circulation, whichever comes earlier.

8 *Approved.*

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