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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Vehicular traffic is one of the leading problems in a developing country such as ours. Valuable time is utterly wasted while stuck in a traffic jam particularly in big cities such as Metro Manila. Monetary losses due to such traffic jams are almost unquantifiable. Not to mention its negative effects on the productivity and efficiency of the work force. Indeed, traffic is one problem we cannot afford to overlook.

While solutions to the traffic problem are being applied, change to such quandary will not happen overnight. However, we can somehow ease the flow of traffic by adjusting some activities that create road obstacles and contribute heavily in exacerbating the traffic situation. The simple re-scheduling of work time can go a long way in helping ease the traffic congestion. Take for instance constructions on the road. With all kinds of heavy equipment and massive concrete pillars blocking several lanes on the road, the outcome is a depressing sight of bottle-necked vehicles fighting to get through the narrow sliver of a road left to pass through. This is just one of the scenarios that can be avoided and that which this bill aims to remedy. We don't have to look for grandiose solutions to the traffic problem we are facing. We can be creative enough to find small fixes that can create a huge difference in averting total traffic chaos.

With the above premises being considered, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**PREVENTING THE AGGRAVATION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON BUSY ROADS IN**  
**CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “*Anti-Aggravation of Traffic Act.*”

Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to promote the general welfare of the people and provide its citizens an improved quality of life. It shall ensure that the roads are safe and free from obstructions for the people to use. Toward this end, the aggravation of vehicular traffic on busy roads brought about by indifference and erroneous time management of those concerned must be prevented so as to ease traffic congestion, allowing Filipinos to be more productive and efficient in their endeavors.

Sec. 3. *Preventing the Aggravation of Vehicular Traffic.* – In order to prevent the aggravation of vehicular traffic on busy roads, the following are hereby mandated:

a. *Work on Infrastructure Projects.* – All contractors and sub-contractors of government infrastructure projects shall ensure that construction activities shall not extend on portions of streets or roads that are beyond the fences or barricades of construction sites where they have been permitted to undertake construction activities between six to ten o'clock in the morning and four o'clock in the afternoon to seven o'clock in the evening.

b. *Garbage Collection.* – Garbage collection in every city and municipality in the entire country shall be done during the wee hours of dawn between 2 o'clock to 4 o'clock in the morning or late at night between 10 o'clock to 12 o'clock midnight.

c. *Beautification, Landscaping, Planting and Maintenance.* – Beautification, landscaping, planting and maintenance activities on road islands, curbs and flower boxes or the like along busy roads shall be done by city or municipal workers with least interference to the flow of vehicular traffic. The use of water tankers or other like vehicles is hereby prohibited from six to ten o'clock in the morning and four o'clock in the afternoon to seven o'clock in the evening.

Sec. 4. *Penalties.* – Violation of the provisions of this Act shall subject the offender to a fine of One Hundred Thousand pesos (P100, 000.00) or cancellation of contract in the case of Sec. 3 (a) and 3 (b), administrative sanctions in the case of 3 (c).

Sec. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) in coordination with the Department of Transportation (DOTr) shall promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations for the proper enactment of this Act, within ninety (90) days from its effectivity.

Sec. 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

Sec. 7. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or is inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Sec. 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*