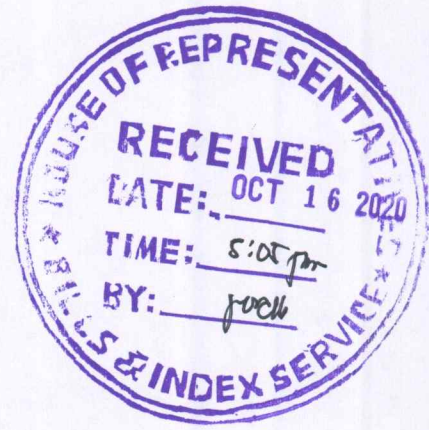


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HOUSE BILL NO. 7896



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Persons with disabilities deserve to enjoy the same rights as others do in our society. They should be able to live freely and independently as possible. Out of 92.1 million household population of the Philippines in 2010, 1.443 million are persons with disabilities. On a daily basis, 15 out of the 50 people we interact with would be persons with disabilities.

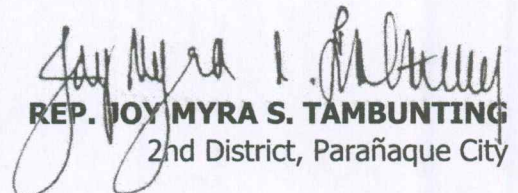
United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities stresses on the need for State Parties to take appropriate measures and enforce mechanisms to enable the full and effective participation and inclusion of PWDs in society.

As mobility is a vital means by which people participate in a society, and that most transactions and activities (such as banking, work opportunities, health care and such) are situated at cities and urban centers, the State must look into ensuring that there are inclusive and accessible transport options for PWDs to allow them to travel or commute more comfortably.

Although public utility buses and train lines already have designated seats and stations for PWDs, senior citizens and pregnant women. We must take into consideration that PWDs, especially those physically challenged, are terribly inconvenienced with very ableist design of public utility vehicles.

In this light, this proposed measure seeks to establish a more inclusive and accessible transportation program for PWDs in cities and urban centers in the country.

On behalf of the people of Parañaque City's Second District, and for the common good of the Filipino people, the approval of the said measure is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT TO INSTITUTE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDS)-FRIENDLY
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM IN CITIES AND URBAN CENTERS OF THE COUNTRY,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. It is the policy of the State to promote the rights of every individual, access to economic opportunities considering their conditions and needs.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to this policy, there shall be established, under the Department of Transportation, a transportation and mobility program for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).

SECTION 3. The initial amount of one hundred million pesos (P100M) needed for the implementation of this program shall be charged to the budget of the Department of Transportation under the General Appropriation Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the General Appropriation Act.

SECTION 4. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any provision of this Act or the application of such provision to any person, group, and circumstance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act shall not be affected by such declaration.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. The provisions of this, as amended and all other laws, decrees, executive order, rules and regulations, issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,