



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC RESTROOMS ALONG NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1           SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “Land Transport Support  
2 Facilities for Hygiene and Convenience Act”.

3           SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to provide  
4 public restrooms along national and provincial highways and to develop  
5 hygienic practice among land transport passengers.

6           SEC. 3. Public restrooms shall be constructed every thirty (30) to fifty  
7 (50) kilometers apart along national and provincial highways throughout the  
8 country. These shall be erected within a distance of at least three (3) meters  
9 from the shoulder of the highway, zoning ordinance provision to the contrary  
10 notwithstanding.

11           SEC. 4. The maintenance and supervision of the public restrooms shall  
12 be vested in the council or any nongovernmental organization (NGO) of the

1 particular barangay where it is situated. A reasonable payment per head of  
2 passenger/user which shall be determined by the council/NGO shall accrue to  
3 the barangay.

4 SEC. 5. The collection from the use of the public restrooms shall be  
5 held in a trust fund. Income derived from the public restrooms operation shall  
6 be used for the development projects of the particular barangay and shall be  
7 fully covered with proper documents for purposes of audit, and to serve as a  
8 guide for the city or municipal mayor who shall exercise overall supervision  
9 over the utilization of such trust fund.

10 SEC. 6. The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), in  
11 coordination with the Department of Tourism (DOT), the Department of  
12 Health (DOH) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government  
13 (DILG), shall be mainly responsible for the production of the standard-sized  
14 public restrooms and the programming of the implementation of this project. It  
15 shall see to it that these public restrooms are provided with accessibility  
16 features for disabled persons and are consistent with the provisions in Section  
17 54 of Presidential Decree No. 856, otherwise known as the Code of Sanitation  
18 of the Philippines.

19 SEC. 7. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act  
20 shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its  
21 enactment into law and thereafter.

22 SEC. 8. All laws and parts thereof inconsistent with any provision of  
23 this Act shall be deemed repealed or modified as the case may be.

24 SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication  
25 in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,