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House Bill No. 4757



Introduced by Representative **John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

As a manifestation of support to this timely piece of legislation, this representation respectfully refiles this bill, which has constantly been receiving support from the past and present Congress.

The proposed measure seeks to provide an enabling and empowering mechanism for people with disabilities (PWDs) to enhance their mobility, ease, and comfort through PWD-friendly modes of transportation.

While the government has enacted laws that will address the accessibility concerns of PWDS (e.g. ramps, platforms, and priority access to elevators, among others) in terms of establishment design, the same cannot be said when talking about the country's transportation system. This representation strongly believes that supplementary effort must be given to address this in order to ensure that the welfare of the PWDs is promoted and improved. Moreover, through the different efforts of the government, PWDs in the country are now active contributors in the economy. Laws and policies such as this proposed measure are appreciated and go a long way in further providing an enabling environment for the PWDs in the country.

In this light, the passage of this bill 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,