### Republic of the Philippines HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5272

Introduced by: HON. "KUYA" JOSE ANTONIO R. SY-ALVARADO

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

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Philippines as a signatory to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, is duty bound to respect, protect and fulfill the rights of persons with disabilities to accessible built environment, public transport and information and communication technology.

This bill seeks to establish a disability-inclusive transport mechanism and program to ensure accessibility of the modern transportation to the people with disabilities (PWDs).

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In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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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 (Php 100,000,000.00) 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order, rules and regulations, issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.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 law shall take effect as soon as it is published in the Official Gazette.

Approved,