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Introduced by Representative LEODY "ODIE" F. TARRIELA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On December 19, 2017, Republic Act No. 11469 or the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN), was enacted for the purpose of generating additional revenues to finance the Build, Build, Build and other programs of the government. It was to ensure that the government is able to provide for the needs of the people through the provision of better infrastructure, health, education, jobs, and social protection. One of the amendment under the TRAIN Law was the imposition of excise taxes on almost petroleum products.

Due to the recent conflict between Russia and Ukraine, world crude prices has risen to almost US\$120 per barrel. As a result, local gasoline and diesel prices jacked up to more than Php80.00 per liter. Furthermore, the caused higher inflation rates which additional burden to our fellow constituents who are already facing drastic decrease in household income, if not joblessness, and other economic hardships, amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

There was clamor for the government to control the spiraling of fuel prices to prevent further rise in the prices of basic and other commodities. Hence, this Representation's proposed course of action was the imposition of progressive rates for excise taxes on manufactured oils and other fuels, as follows:

Unleaded premium gasoline, per liter of volume capacity:

SELLING PRICE	EXCISE TAX
₱ 50.00 OR LESS	₱ 10.00
₱ 50.01 TO ₱ 55.0	₱ 9.00
₱ 55.01 TO ₱ 60.00	₹ 8.00
₱ 60.01 TO ₱ 65.00	₱ 7.00
₱ 65.01 TO ₱ 70.00	₱ 6.00
₱ 70.01 TO ₱ 75.00	₱ 5.00
₱ 75.01 AND HIGHER	₱ 4.00

Diesel fuel oil, and on similar fuel oils having more or less the same generating power, per liter of volume capacity:

SELLING PRICE	EXCISE TAX
₱ 50.00 OR LESS	₱ 6.00
₱ 50.01 TO ₱ 55.0	₱ 5.50
₱ 55.01 TO ₱ 60.00	₱ 5.00
₱ 60.01 TO ₱ 65.00	₱ 4.50
₱ 65.01 TO ₱ 70.00	₱ 4.00
₱ 70.01 TO ₱ 75.00	₱ 3.50
₱ 75.01 AND HIGHER	₱ 3.00

Under the proposed scheme, there is gradual decrease of excise tax rates as the fuel price increases which cushions the blow of the increase in the selling prices of petroleum products.

It cannot be denied that there is a need to arrest the continuous and drastic rises in the prices of petroleum products. It is necessary to protect the welfare and alleviate the burden of the consuming public, still reeling from the destructive effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, there is also a need for a stable source of income for the government, especially as it jumpstarts an ailing economy.

It is in this view that the immediate passage of the bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT

TO ARREST THE RISING COST OF PETROLEUM **PROTECT** PRODUCTS. THE WELFARE ALLEVIATE THE BURDEN OF THE CONSUMING PUBLIC, BY IMPOSING PROGRESSIVE RATES ON THE PAYMENT OF THE EXCISE TAXES ON PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OR THE **NATIONAL** REVENUE CODE INTERNAL AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11469, OR THE **REFORM FOR ACCELERATION** TAX INCLUSION (TRAIN) LAW, AND FOR OTHER **PURPOSES**

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

Section 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the "Lower Prices and Progressive Petroleum Excise Tax of 2022".

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy. – The State shall promote the welfare and alleviate the burden of the consuming public. It shall be its duty to arrest the rising prices of petroleum products, which leads to increases in the prices of basic and other commodities and services. The State shall

continue to have a stable source of revenue as it jumpstarts an economy ailed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sec. 3. Amendment of Section 148 of the National Internal Revenue Code. – Section 148 of Republic Act No. 8424, otherwise known as the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended by Section 43 of Republic Act No. 11469, otherwise known as the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Act, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Sec. 148. Manufactured Oils and Other Fuels. -

There shall be collected on refined and manufactured mineral oils and motor fuels, the following excise taxes which shall attach to the goods hereunder enumerated as soon as they are in existence as such:

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"(f) Unleaded premium gasoline, per liter of volume capacity, [Ten pesos (\$\mathbb{P}10.00)\$]:

SELLING PRICE	EXCISE TAX
₱ 50.00 OR LESS	₱ 10.00
₱ 50.01 TO ₱ 55.0	₱ 9.00
₱ 55.01 TO ₱ 60.00	₱ 8.00
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₱ 65.01 TO ₱ 70.00	₱ 6.00
₱ 70.01 TO ₱ 75.00	₱ 5.00
₱ 75.01 AND HIGHER	₱ 4.00

"(h) Xxx;

"(i) Diesel fuel oil, and on similar fuel oils having more or less the same generating power, per liter of volume capacity, [Six pesos (P6.00);]:

SELLING PRICE	EXCISE TAX
₱ 50.00 OR LESS	₱ 6.00
₱ 50.01 TO ₱ 55.0	₱ 5.50
₱ 55.01 TO ₱ 60.00	₱ 5.00
₱ 60.01 TO ₱ 65.00	₱ 4.50
₱ 65.01 TO ₱ 70.00	₱ 4.00
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Sec. 4. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected thereby.

Sec. 5. Repealing Clause. – All other laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, other issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

APPROVED.