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**AN ACT  
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11697, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
"ELECTRIC VEHICLE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT ACT", AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The 2026 US-Iran conflict has shone a spotlight, once again, on the Philippines's unhealthy dependence on foreign oil. Exorbitant increases in international prices of crude and refined petroleum products have resulted in Philippine consumers experiencing some of the most drastic increases in domestic pump prices among all countries worldwide. This has imposed serious economic consequences on private vehicle owners, commercial vehicle operators, and public utility vehicle operators and drivers – the latter of whom have lost significant portions of their livelihood due to the exorbitant pump prices. Thus, it is clear that we need to break our economy's dependence on foreign oil by speeding up the transition of our transport sector to electric vehicles (EVs).

Republic Act No. 11697, otherwise known as the Electric Vehicle Industry Development Act (EVIDA), was passed into law in 2022 to ramp up the electrification of the transport sector. The law provides the framework for this shift by mandating the establishment of the Comprehensive Roadmap for Electric Vehicle Industry

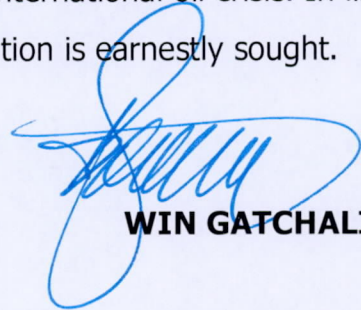
(CREVI). It also provides a number of policies meant to support the mainstreaming of EV use, such as requirements for the designation of exclusive EV parking slots and installation of charging stations. EVIDA also provides fiscal and non-fiscal incentives – valid for eight (8) years or until 2030 – to encourage EV industry investment and manufacturing, as well as EV adoption by commercial and household consumers. Unfortunately, the specific mandates provided in EVIDA to generate demand for EVs and stimulate EV industry development have yet to be implemented.

In line with the foregoing, this bill proposes to strengthen the mandates of EVIDA to more swiftly bring about the transition to an electric-powered transport sector. Thus, this bill proposes the following:

- (1) Extend the life of fiscal and non-fiscal incentives from the original eight (8) years from effectivity of the original EVIDA to twelve (12) years from the effectivity of its Implementing Rules and Regulations;
- (2) Implement a zero percent (0%) import duty on all electric vehicles, equipment, and infrastructure;
- (3) Create new non-fiscal incentives targeted at EV users, such as waived or discounted parking fees, toll-free use of expressways with dedicated EV gates, a Buy Now, Register Later program, free driving lessons, and priority lane access and expeditious processing of government transactions for corporate entities who meet the required EV share in their fleets;
- (4) Increase the designation of exclusive EV parking slots to a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of total parking slots available, with a mandated increase of at least five percent (5%) every five (5) years; and
- (5) Require the installation of charging stations in at least twenty percent (20%) of dedicated EV parking slots, with a mandated increase in the proportion every five (5) years;
- (6) Prohibition on government procurement of ICE vehicles starting January 1, 2028, except in cases where there is no suitable EV alternative;
- (7) Expanded financial assistance, including grants and/or zero-interest loans, for consumers and public utility vehicle (PUV) operators to purchase EVs; and

(8) Streamlining the permitting process for installation of electric vehicle charging stations (EVCS).

Hopefully, these proposals will accelerate the EV transition – and ensure that we will be more than ready to meet the next great international oil crisis. In line with the foregoing, support for the passage of this legislation is earnestly sought.



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

1       **SECTION 1.** Section 4 of Republic Act No. 11697 is hereby amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       "SECTION 4. *Definition of Terms.* — As used in this Act, the  
4 following terms shall be defined as stated below:

5               X X X

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7               **(Y) BUY NOW, REGISTER LATER PROGRAM REFERS**  
8 **TO A TIME-BOUND PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED BY**  
9 **THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) WHICH**  
10 **ALLOWS PURCHASERS OF BRAND-NEW ELECTRIC**  
11 **VEHICLES TO LEGALLY OPERATE ON PUBLIC ROADS AND**  
12 **HIGHWAYS PENDING REGISTRATION FOR A PERIOD**  
13 **NOT EXCEEDING NINETY (90) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF**  
14 **PURCHASE, OR SUCH PERIOD AS MAY BE DETERMINED**  
15 **BY THE LTO: *PROVIDED*, THAT IN CASE OF DELAYS**

1       ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE LTO, THE VALIDITY OF SUCH  
2       AUTHORITY SHALL BE EXTENDED UNTIL THE  
3       CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION IS ISSUED, WITHOUT  
4       PREJUDICE TO APPLICABLE SAFETY AND  
5       ROADWORTHINESS REQUIREMENTS;

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7       (Z) FREE DRIVING LESSON PROGRAM REFERS TO  
8       A GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIZED PROGRAM ADMINISTERED  
9       BY THE LTO, IN COORDINATION WITH ACCREDITED  
10      DRIVING SCHOOLS, WHICH PROVIDES ELECTRIC  
11      VEHICLE PURCHASERS WITH FREE DRIVER'S  
12      EDUCATION AND LICENSING ASSISTANCE;

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14      (AA) INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE VEHICLE  
15      OR ICE VEHICLE REFERS TO A MOTOR VEHICLE WHOSE  
16      PRIMARY SOURCE OF PROPULSION IS AN INTERNAL  
17      COMBUSTION ENGINE POWERED BY GASOLINE, DIESEL,  
18      OR OTHER FOSSIL FUELS.

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20      **SEC. 2.** A new Section 16-A is hereby inserted into Republic Act No.  
21      11697, to read as follows:

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23      **"SECTION 16-A. PROHIBITION ON GOVERNMENT**  
24      **PROCUREMENT OF ICE VEHICLES. – FROM JANUARY 1, 2028**  
25      **ONWARDS, ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES,**  
26      **BUREAUS, OFFICES, AND INSTRUMENTALITIES, INCLUDING**  
27      **GOVERNMENT-OWNED-AND-OPERATED CORPORATIONS AND**  
28      **LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, SHALL BE PROHIBITED FROM**  
29      **PROCURING INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE VEHICLES:**  
30      **PROVIDED, THAT FROM JANUARY 1, 2028 ONWARDS,**  
31      **GOVERNMENT ENTITIES MAY ONLY PROCURE ICE VEHICLES**  
32      **UPON DUE CERTIFICATION BY THE DOE THAT THE ICE VEHICLE**

1 **TO BE PROCURED HAS NO SUITABLE EV ALTERNATIVE IN THE**  
2 **MARKET.**

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4 **SEC. 3.** Section 17 of Republic Act No. 11697 is hereby amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 "SECTION 17. *Dedicated Parking Slots for Electric Vehicles*  
7 *in Private and Public Buildings and Establishments.* — Private and  
8 public buildings and establishments constructed or renovated  
9 after the effectivity of this Act and pursuant to the National  
10 Building Code of the Philippines shall designate **AT LEAST**  
11 **TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF**  
12 **PARKING SLOTS WITHIN THE BUILDING OR**  
13 **ESTABLISHMENT AS** dedicated parking slots for the exclusive  
14 use of EVs to include light electric vehicles: ~~[That the number of~~  
15 ~~dedicated parking slots shall be proportional to the total number~~  
16 ~~of parking slots within the building or establishment as provided~~  
17 ~~in the CREVI: Provided, further, That if there are twenty (20) or~~  
18 ~~more parking slots, there should be at least five percent (5%)~~  
19 ~~dedicated parking slots for EVs of the total number of parking~~  
20 ~~slots within the building or establishment:]~~ *Provided, [finally,]*  
21 That existing private and public buildings and establishments  
22 shall comply with the foregoing requirements **ON OR BEFORE**  
23 **JANUARY 1, 2027:** ~~[within the time frame indicated in the~~  
24 ~~CREVI.]~~ **PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE CREVI SHALL BE**  
25 **UPDATED EVERY FIVE (5) YEARS TO PROGRESSIVELY**  
26 **INCREASE THE PROPORTION OF DEDICATED EV**  
27 **PARKING SLOTS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION BY**  
28 **NO LESS THAN FIVE PERCENT (5%) IN EACH INSTANCE,**  
29 **BASED ON THE PREVAILING RATE OF EV ADOPTION.**  
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1           No permit shall be issued by the LGU for the construction  
2           or renovation of a building or establishment unless this section  
3           have been complied with.”  
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5           **SEC. 4.** Section 18 of Republic Act No. 11697 is hereby amended to  
6           read as follows:  
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8           “SECTION 18. *Construction or Installation of Charging*  
9           *Stations in Dedicated Parking Slots.* – The CREVI shall determine  
10          when dedicated parking slots shall be installed with a charging  
11          station either by the owner of the building or establishment or a  
12          charging station service provider: **PROVIDED, THAT AT LEAST**  
13          **TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF DEDICATED EV PARKING**  
14          **SLOTS IN ALL BUILDINGS AND ESTABLISHMENTS SHALL**  
15          **BE INSTALLED WITH CHARGING STATIONS: PROVIDED,**  
16          **FURTHER, THAT THE CREVI SHALL BE SHALL BE**  
17          **UPDATED EVERY FIVE (5) YEARS TO PROGRESSIVELY**  
18          **INCREASE THE PROPORTION OF CHARGING STATIONS**  
19          **REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION: Provided,**  
20          **FINALLY,** That the owner of the private or public building or  
21          establishment shall have the first priority to install, operate, or  
22          maintain a charging station in its premises.  
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24          X X X  
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26          **SEC. 5.** A new Section 21-A is hereby inserted into Republic Act No.  
27          11697, to read as follows:  
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29                 **SECTION 21-A. EXEMPTION FROM OCCUPANCY**  
30                 **AND FIRE SAFETY CLEARANCES FOR CERTAIN**  
31                 **INSTALLATIONS. – NOTWITHSTANDING THE**  
32                 **PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1096,**

1 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL BUILDING CODE  
2 OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9514,  
3 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FIRE CODE OF THE  
4 PHILIPPINES, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE IMPLEMENTING  
5 RULES AND REGULATIONS, THE INSTALLATION AND  
6 OPERATION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS  
7 (EVCS) SHALL NOT REQUIRE THE PRIOR ISSUANCE OF A  
8 CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY, FIRE SAFETY EVALUATION  
9 CLEARANCE (FSEC), OR FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION  
10 CERTIFICATE (FSIC), *PROVIDED, THAT:*

11  
12 a) THE INSTALLATION IS LOCATED WITHIN AN  
13 EXISTING BUILDING, STRUCTURE, OR PREMISES  
14 WITH A VALID AND SUBSISTING OCCUPANCY PERMIT;  
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16 b) THE INSTALLATION DOES NOT INVOLVE STRUCTURAL  
17 ALTERATION AFFECTING THE INTEGRITY OF THE  
18 BUILDING;  
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20 c) THE INSTALLATION DOES NOT RESULT IN A CHANGE  
21 IN OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION OR USE OF THE  
22 BUILDING OR PREMISES;  
23

24 d) THE INSTALLATION COMPLIES WITH APPLICABLE  
25 ELECTRICAL, FIRE SAFETY, AND ENGINEERING  
26 STANDARDS, AS CERTIFIED BY DULY LICENSED  
27 PROFESSIONALS; AND  
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29 e) THE INSTALLATION DOES NOT INVOLVE HAZARDOUS  
30 MATERIALS OR HIGH-RISK SYSTEMS, INCLUDING BUT  
31 NOT LIMITED TO LARGE-SCALE ENERGY STORAGE  
32 SYSTEMS, AS MAY BE DEFINED BY THE DOE IN

1           COORDINATION WITH THE BUREAU OF FIRE  
2           PROTECTION (BFP).

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4           COMPLIANCE WITH SAFETY REQUIREMENTS SHALL BE  
5           ENSURED THROUGH:

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7           i.   SUBMISSION OF A SWORN CERTIFICATION OF  
8           COMPLIANCE SIGNED BY A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL  
9           ENGINEER; AND

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11          ii.   POST-INSTALLATION           INSPECTION           AND  
12          ENFORCEMENT BY THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION  
13          AND THE OFFICE OF THE BUILDING OFFICIAL,  
14          WITHOUT THE NEED FOR PRIOR CLEARANCE.

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16          NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO  
17          PREVENT THE CONDUCT OF INSPECTIONS, ISSUANCE OF  
18          ABATEMENT ORDERS, OR IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES  
19          FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH SAFETY STANDARDS  
20          UNDER EXISTING LAWS.

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22          **SEC. 6.** A new Section 21-B is hereby inserted into Republic Act  
23          No. 11697, to read as follows:

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25                **SECTION 21-B. PROHIBITION ON ADDITIONAL**  
26                **PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS. – NO NATIONAL**  
27                **GOVERNMENT AGENCY, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT, OR**  
28                **GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATION**  
29                **SHALL REQUIRE ANY PERMIT, CLEARANCE, CERTIFICATE,**  
30                **OR DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENT EQUIVALENT OR**  
31                **ANALOGOUS TO A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY, FSEC, OR**

1       **FSIC FOR INSTALLATIONS COVERED UNDER SECTION 18**  
2       **OF THIS ACT, EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED BY LAW.**

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4       **ANY VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION SHALL BE SUBJECT**  
5       **TO THE PENALTIES UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11032,**  
6       **OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE EASE OF DOING BUSINESS**  
7       **AND EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT SERVICE DELIVERY ACT OF**  
8       **2018; REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11234, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS**  
9       **THE ENERGY VIRTUAL ONE-STOP SHOP ACT; AND**  
10       **SECTION 28 OF THIS ACT.**

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12       **SEC. 7.** Section 24 of Republic Act No. 11697 is hereby amended to  
13 read as follows:

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15       "SECTION 24. *Fiscal Incentives.* —

16               (a) *Manufacturing*

17               X X X

18               (b) *Importation*

19               X X X

20               The importation of completely built units of charging  
21 stations shall be exempt from the payment of duties for [eight  
22 (8) years] **TWELVE (12) YEARS** from the effectivity of **THE**  
23 **IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF** this Act.

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25               X X X

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27               (c) *Utilization*

1 A thirty percent (30%) discount for BEVs and fifteen  
2 percent (15%) discount for HEVs from the payment of the motor  
3 vehicle user's charge imposed by the LTO under Republic Act No.  
4 8794, otherwise known as "Motor Vehicle User's Charge Act", as  
5 well as vehicle registration and inspection fees shall be available  
6 for ~~[eight (8) years]~~ **TWELVE (12) YEARS** from the effectivity  
7 of **THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF** this  
8 Act.

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10 **(D) IMPORT DUTY EXEMPTION**

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12 **ALL ELECTRIC VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT, AND**  
13 **INFRASTRUCTURE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ZERO PERCENT**  
14 **(0%) IMPORT DUTY FOR TWELVE (12) YEARS FROM THE**  
15 **EFFECTIVITY OF THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND**  
16 **REGULATIONS OF THIS ACT.**

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18 **SEC. 8.** Section 25 of Republic Act No. 11697 is hereby amended to  
19 read as follows:

20 "SECTION 25. *Non-Fiscal Incentives.* — The following non-  
21 fiscal incentives shall remain in force for ~~[eight (8) years]~~  
22 **TWELVE (12) YEARS** from the effectivity of **THE**  
23 **IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF** this Act:

24 (a) For EV users:

25 (1) Priority registration and renewal of registration,  
26 and issuance of a special type of vehicle plate by the LTO;

27 (2) Exemption from the mandatory unified vehicular  
28 volume reduction program, number-coding scheme, or  
29 other similar schemes implemented by the Metropolitan  
30 Manila Development Authority, other similar agencies, and  
31 LGUs;

1 (3) Expeditious processing by the LTFRB of  
2 applications for franchise to operate, including its renewal,  
3 for PUV operators that are exclusively utilizing EVs; [and]

4 (4) Availment of TESDA Training Programs on EV  
5 assembly, use, maintenance, and repair for its  
6 employees[-];

7 **(5) WAIVED PARKING FEES IN PUBLIC**  
8 **PARKING FACILITIES OWNED OR OPERATED BY**  
9 **THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, LGUS, OR GOCCS,**  
10 **AND AT LEAST A FIFTY PERCENT (50%) DISCOUNT**  
11 **ON PARKING FEES IN PRIVATELY-OWNED**  
12 **COMMERCIAL PARKING FACILITIES UNDER SUCH**  
13 **TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS SHALL BE**  
14 **PRESCRIBED BY THE DTI;**

15 **(6) TOLL-FREE USE OF LIMITED ACCESS**  
16 **FACILITIES OR EXPRESSWAYS, AS DEFINED**  
17 **UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2000 AND AS**  
18 **DECLARED OR DESIGNATED BY THE DOTR OR THE**  
19 **TOLL REGULATORY BOARD, AND ACCESS TO**  
20 **DEDICATED EV ENTRY AND EXIT GATES:**  
21 ***PROVIDED,* THAT THE VALUE OF TOLL FEES**  
22 **WAIVED UNDER THIS PROVISION SHALL BE**  
23 **DEDUCTIBLE FROM CONCESSION FEES AND OTHER**  
24 **FEES OR CHARGED DUE TO THE GOVERNMENT**  
25 **FROM THE PRIVATE OPERATOR OF THE**  
26 **EXPRESSWAY UNDER APPLICABLE AGREEMENTS,**  
27 **LAWS, AND REGULATIONS;**

28 **(7) AVAILMENT OF THE BUY NOW, REGISTER**  
29 **LATER PROGRAM FOR EVS ADMINISTERED BY THE**  
30 **LTO; AND**

31 **(8) AVAILMENT OF THE FREE DRIVING**  
32 **LESSON PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE LTO,**

1 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE EXISTING  
2 APPROPRIATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
3 TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AND  
4 INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS  
5 ACT THEREAFTER;

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7 (b) X X X

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9 (c) X X X

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11 (D) FOR CORPORATE ENTITIES COMPLIANT WITH  
12 THE MANDATORY FLEET EV SHARE REQUIREMENTS  
13 UNDER SECTION 16 OF THIS ACT, PRIORITY LANE  
14 ACCESS AND EXPEDITIOUS PROCESSING OF  
15 TRANSACTIONS WITH NATIONAL GOVERNMENT  
16 AGENCIES AND LGUS.

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18 **SEC. 9.** Section 26 of Republic Act No. 11697 is hereby amended to  
19 read as follows:

20 "SECTION 26. *Financial Assistance.* – Government financial  
21 institutions and other financial institutions, in accordance with  
22 and to the extent allowed by the enabling provisions of their  
23 respective charters or applicable laws, are encouraged to provide  
24 concessional financial packages for entities engaged in the  
25 activities mentioned in Section 24 of this Act, and preferential  
26 interest rates and payment scheme on consumer loans for the  
27 acquisition of EVs and charging stations[-]: **PROVIDED, THAT**  
28 **GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SHALL, AS**  
29 **MAY BE PRACTICABLE, OFFER ZERO-INTEREST**  
30 **LOANS TO CONSUMERS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF**  
31 **EVS.**

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2           **SEC. 8.** A new Section 26-A is hereby inserted into Republic Act No.  
3 11697, to read as follows:

4                   **SECTION 26-A. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PUV**  
5           **MODERNIZATION. THE DOTR, IN COORDINATION WITH**  
6           **GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND RELEVANT**  
7           **GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, SHALL PROMULGATE THE**  
8           **NECESSARY RULES AND REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT A**  
9           **PROGRAM TO PROVIDE AN IMPROVED FINANCIAL**  
10          **ASSISTANCE PACKAGE FOR PUV OPERATORS TO**  
11          **PURCHASE ELECTRIC PUVS UNDER THE PUBLIC**  
12          **TRANSPORT MODERNIZATION PROGRAM OR ITS**  
13          **SUCCESSOR. THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PACKAGE**  
14          **PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL REQUIRE A**  
15          **MINIMUM GRANT OF FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE**  
16          **PURCHASE COST OF THE ELECTRIC EV AND LOW-**  
17          **INTEREST LOANS PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENT**  
18          **FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND PARTICIPATING**  
19          **PRIVATE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.**

20          **SEC. 10.** Section 28 of Republic Act No. 11697 is hereby amended to  
21 read as follows:

22          SECTION 28. *Penalties.* – A fine ranging from a minimum of Fifty  
23 thousand pesos (P50,000.00) to a maximum of Five hundred thousand pesos  
24 (P500,000.00), and may include suspension or revocation of permits issued, if  
25 applicable, shall be imposed upon any person, both natural and juridical, who  
26 violations Section 6, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, **21-A, 21-B**, 22, and 23 of this Act  
27 and all rules, regulations, and standards promulgated pursuant to Sections 7,  
28 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 of this Act: *Provided*, That this is without  
29 prejudice to the penalties provided under existing laws, rules, and regulations

1 prescribed by other concerned agencies. The DOE, DOTr, and DPWH shall, in  
2 coordination with the DTI and the DILG, issue appropriate rules and regulations  
3 on the imposition of these fines and penalties.

4 **SEC. 11. *Updating of the Comprehensive Roadmap for Electric***  
5 ***Vehicle Industry (CREVI); Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The  
6 government agencies identified in Chapter II of Republic Act No. 11697 shall  
7 update the CREVI to incorporate the provisions of this Act within one hundred  
8 and twenty (120) days from the effectivity of this Act. The implementing  
9 agencies and stakeholders identified in Section 30 of Republic Act No. 11697  
10 shall likewise update or issue implementing rules and regulations as may be  
11 necessary for the implementation of this Act within one hundred and twenty  
12 (120) days from the effectivity of this Act.

13 **SEC. 12. *Separability Clause.*** – If for any reason, any section or  
14 provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other sections or  
15 provisions which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and  
16 effect.

17 **SEC. 13. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders,  
18 rules and regulations, and other issuances inconsistent with the provisions of  
19 this Act are deemed modified, revoked, or repealed accordingly.

20 **SEC. 14. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)  
21 days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general  
22 circulation.

*Approved,*