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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
Number 89-010

TO : ALL UTILITY BUS OPERATORS

SUBJECT : Installation of Facilities and Other Devices, Display of Posters/Stickers in Accordance with Batas Pambansa Blg. 344, otherwise known as the Accessibility Law and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

Pursuant to the provisions of B.P. 344 (Accessibility Law), an act to enhance the mobility of disabled persons by requiring certain buildings, institutions, establishments and public utilities to install facilities and other devices to promote and help the realization of the right of disabled persons, to give them access into the nooks and corners of the social main-stream and to provide them with opportunities to participate in the normal activities of the general public, and in accordance with our commitment to support the national objective of promoting the welfare of disabled persons through disability prevention, rehabilitation and equalization of opportunities, all bus operators are hereby required to comply with the following requirements, the same being incorporated and deemed part of the conditions prescribed in their existing franchises, to wit:

A. For Buses:

1. Display of posters/stickers conspicuously inside the units (See Annex A, Flg. 1).
2. Regular buses shall have at least five (5) designated seats for disabled persons near exit/entrance doors.
3. Airconditioned buses shall have at least four (4) designated seats for disabled persons near the doors.
4. For regular city buses, other passengers may use these designated seats if not occupied and yield them to incoming disabled persons whenever the occasion arises.
5. For provincial buses, airconditioned buses, the designated seats for disabled persons may be occupied by other passengers only if no disabled persons shall occupy these seats at the start of the trip.

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6. The designated seats shall be identified by the International Symbol of Access.
(See Annex B, Fig. 2)
7. Owners or operators of city buses operating in highly urbanized cities shall install in their units audio-visual aids as buzzer, bell, flashing light to inform the driver of any alighting passenger.

B. For Bus Terminals/Stations:

1. Widen doors/access to comfort rooms to be able to allow the entry of wheelchairs;
2. Provide for ramps for easy access by wheelchairs to the waiting lounges; and
3. Mark a bench or space for the use of disabled persons in the waiting lounges. This may be used by others if there are no disabled persons using it.

The corresponding authority for the bus unit/units of any operator violating this Memorandum Circular and B.P. 344 shall be suspended or cancelled after observing due process.

This Memorandum Circular takes effect on August 17, 1989.

Quezon City, July 25, 1989.

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