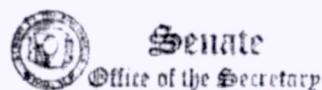


SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE)
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
Third Regular Session)



'19 MAY 22 11:19

SENATE

S.B. No. 2229

RECEIVED BY

Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto

AN ACT
DESIGNATING THE THIRD SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER AS THE PHILIPPINE DAY OF
REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD CRASH VICTIMS, SURVIVORS AND FAMILIES

Explanatory Note

A World Bank study entitled, *“The High Toll of Traffic Injuries: Unacceptable and Preventable,”* concludes that reducing road traffic deaths and injuries could result in substantial long-term income gains for low- and middle-income countries such as the Philippines.¹ The study showed that countries that do not invest in road safety could miss out 7 to 22% in potential per capita GDP growth over a 24-year period. Moreover, it also reported that the cost of inaction is more than 1.25 million deaths a year globally, diminished productivity and reduced growth prospects. Thus, designating the third Sunday of November of each year as the Philippine Day of Remembrance for road crash victims, survivors and families is an affirmative action that indicates the government’s commitment to road safety and road casualty reduction.

According to the Road Crash Statistics Report of Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), some 110,025 crash incidents happened in Metro Manila in 2017, or about 300 incidents daily.² Of these, 12,635 road crashes were on Epifanio de los Santos Avenue (EDSA)³. It recorded Quezon City with 35,494; Makati with 11,425 and Manila with 11,315 as the top three cities with the highest number of road crash cases.⁴

The same report in 2017 revealed that a total of 434 Filipinos died and 19,374 were wounded in the National Capital Region alone due to road crashes. This means that 4 in every 100,000 Filipinos died while 193 people in every 100,000 were injured as a result of road crashes.⁵

¹ The World Bank (January 2018). *Road Deaths and Injuries Hold Back Economic Growth in Developing Countries*. Information retrieved at <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2018/01/09/road-deaths-and-injuries-hold-back-economic-growth-in-developing-countries> on November 14, 2018.

² Pa-a, Saul (September 19, 2018). *“Cars top road crash incidents in Metro Manila: MMDA”*. Information retrieved at <http://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1048503> on November 19, 2018.

³ *Ibid.*

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ Rey, Aika. (April 11, 2018). *“IN CHARTS: How deadly are Metro Manila roads?”* Information retrieved at <https://www.rappler.com/newsbreak/in-depth/199896-metro-manila-road-crash-2017> on November 14, 2018.

The number of fatalities in 2017 had declined to 434 compared to 446 recorded accidents in 2016. Cars are the most susceptible to road accidents involving 110,653 vehicles followed by motorcycle, with 24,058.⁶

Designating the third Sunday in November of every year as the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is an appropriate commemoration for victims of road traffic crashes and their families. At the same time, it will raise awareness to the disastrous effects of road accidents not only to life and property but to the economy as well.

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



RALPH G. RECTO

/mabm

⁶ Pateña, Aerol John. (February 7, 2018). "DOTr creates database on road crashes". Information retrieved at <http://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1024471> on November 14, 2018.

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE)
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
Third Regular Session)



'19 MAY 22 11:19

SENATE

S.B. No. 2229

RECEIVED BY

[Handwritten signature]

Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto

AN ACT
DESIGNATING THE THIRD SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER AS THE PHILIPPINE DAY
OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD CRASH VICTIMS, SURVIVORS AND FAMILIES

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

1 **SECTION 1. Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “National Day of Remembrance for
2 Road Crash Victims, Survivors, and their Families Act.”
3

4 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is the policy of the State to nurture a Filipino society
5 that is aware of the causes, consequences, and costs of road crash deaths and injuries and that
6 values human lives by way of remembering the victims of road crashes, recognizing the sufferings
7 of their affected families and communities and advocating for the improvement of the Philippine
8 road safety situation to prevent the wastage of more lives.
9

10 **SEC. 3. National Day of Remembrance.** – Every third Sunday of November of each year
11 is hereby declared as the “National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, Survivors, and
12 their Families.”
13

14 **SEC. 4. Mandatory Activities.** – To ensure the meaningful observance of the National Day
15 of Remembrance as herein declared, the Department of Transportation (DOTr), in coordination
16 with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Land Transportation Office
17 (LTO), Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) and Metropolitan
18 Manila Development Authority (MMDA), shall ensure the implementation of the following
19 programs and activities:
20

21 a) Commemorative ceremonies, including flower-laying activities, candlelight vigil,
22 solidarity march and special assemblies, shall be observed in provinces, cities and

1 municipalities nationwide for road crash victims and survivors, involving their families
2 and support groups.

3
4 As a sign of support, local government units (LGUs) are encouraged to put up
5 memorials and tributes in strategic local public spaces or road networks to
6 commemorate the lives that were lost and/or injured to promote road safety to the
7 public;

8
9 b) Special recognition shall be given to public officers, private stakeholders, volunteers
10 and organizations who are instrumental in saving lives or supporting victims, survivors
11 and their families;

12
13 c) In coordination with the Department of Health (DOH), Department of Social Welfare
14 and Development (DSWD), Department of Justice (DOJ) and other agencies
15 concerned, the DOTr shall conduct multi-sectoral symposia, conferences or
16 consultations that focus on: (1) how to improve the trauma care system and emotional
17 support programs given to victims, survivors and their families; (2) how to improve the
18 legal response, including resolution of pending cases and investigations and immediate
19 compensation of victims and/or their families; and, (3) how to improve the road safety
20 situation by addressing the key risk factors to prevent the occurrence of similar road
21 crash incidents;

22
23 d) The DOTr, with the assistance of other government agencies and private stakeholders,
24 shall conduct public awareness campaigns that provide a platform to victims and
25 survivors of road crashes, including their families, to advocate for road safety;

26
27 e) Flag-raising ceremonies in government offices the day or week immediately after the
28 National Day of Remembrance shall be dedicated to road crash victims, survivors and
29 their families, and shall provide a platform for bereaved or affected employees to
30 advocate the need for road safety; and

31
32 f) Other related programs and activities as may be determined in the Implementing Rules
33 and Regulations.

34
35 **SEC. 5. DOTr as Lead Agency.** – The DOTr shall be the lead agency in the meaningful
36 observance of the National Day of Remembrance each year. In collaboration with public and
37 private stakeholders, national and/or local steering committees may also be created for the
38 effective observance of the said event.

1 **SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The DOTr, in collaboration with the
2 DILG, LTO, LTFRB, MMDA, other agencies and stakeholders concerned, shall promulgate the
3 necessary implementing rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act within
4 sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act.

5
6 **SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision, section or part of this Act shall be declared
7 unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, invalidate or impair any other
8 provisions, sections or parts hereof.

9
10 **SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations which are
11 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

12
13 **SEC. 9. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication
14 in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation or in the Official Gazette.

Approved,