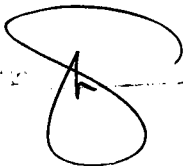


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

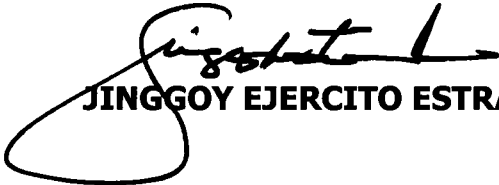
The Philippines faces a pressing road safety crisis, with over 12,000 fatalities annually and substantial economic losses equivalent to 2-3% of GDP. A significant number of these accidents involve young people, highlighting the urgent need for comprehensive road safety education. This measure seeks to instill responsible road use behaviors and safety awareness at an early age to address these alarming trends.

The economic and social impact of road traffic incidents cannot be overstated. Preventable accidents strain the healthcare system, reduce workforce productivity, and cause emotional and financial distress to families. By equipping students with the knowledge and skills needed for safe road use, this measure will contribute to reducing accidents and their associated costs.

Road safety education remains absent in the current K to 12 curriculum, leaving students ill-equipped to navigate roads safely. By integrating road safety into the curriculum, this bill aims to close a critical knowledge gap and foster a culture of

accountability and precaution among young Filipinos. This bill is a vital step towards safeguarding lives and fostering a culture of road safety and responsibility.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is highly recommended.



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

ARTICLE I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

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3 Section 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "*Road Safety and Comprehensive*
4 *Driver's Education Act*".

5 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to reduce
6 road accidents on all types of roads used for transportation by raising the awareness of road
7 users such as pedestrians, commuters and motorists on their rights and responsibilities and
8 the everyday risks that they face. As such, the State shall ensure that all road users are aware
9 of the principles of basic road safety and comprehensive driver's education.

10 Sec. 3. *Definition of Terms.* - For the purpose of this Act:

- 11 a) *Basic road safety* refers to the rights and responsibilities of pedestrians and commuters
12 in their use of all types of roads used for transportation in order to reduce the incidence
13 of road accidents. It shall include, but not be limited to, road awareness, road
14 signages, responsible commuting, and the responsibilities of pedestrians;
- 15 b) *Comprehensive Driver's Education* refers to the rights and responsibilities of drivers in
16 their use of on all types of roads used for transportation in order to reduce the
17 incidence of road accidents. It shall include but not be limited to basic road safety and

1 its components, education on pertinent laws and rules and regulations on driving,
2 traffic signages, driving safety, and car passenger safety;

3 c) *K to 12* refers to the enhanced basic education program created under Republic Act No.
4 10533, otherwise known as the "*Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013*".

5 **ARTICLE II**

6 **PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION**

7 *Sec. 4. Integration into Curriculum.* - Basic road safety and comprehensive driver's
8 education are hereby integrated into the curriculum of the K to 12 program. Basic road safety
9 shall be made part of the elementary curriculum. Comprehensive driver's education shall be
10 made part of the junior and senior high school and higher education curricula.

11 *Sec. 5. Ad-Hoc Curriculum Committee.* - There shall be created an ad-hoc curriculum
12 committee composed of the Secretary of the Department of Education (DepEd), the
13 Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Secretary of the Department
14 of Transportation (DOTr), the executive director of the Land Transportation Office (LTO), the
15 executive director of the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB), and
16 the Chairman of the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA), or their permanent
17 representatives. The committee shall be administratively attached to the DepEd and chaired
18 by the DepEd Secretary or his permanent representative. The Committee shall conduct public
19 hearings and consult concerned stakeholders from the private and non-governmental sectors.

20 The committee shall convene within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act and
21 shall have one (1) year to design the basic road safety and comprehensive driver's education
22 program and Its components. Thereafter, the Committee shall be *functus officio* and the
23 member agencies shall ensure the full and continuing implementation of this Act.

24 **ARTICLE III**

25 **FINAL PROVISIONS**

26 *Sec. 6. Appropriations.* - The funds needed for the purpose of this Act shall be indicated
27 as a line item under the budget of the DepEd under the General Appropriations Act.
28 Appropriations for the implementation of this Act shall be sourced from the Special Road
29 Safety Fund as created under Republic Act No. 8794.

30 *Sec. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The DepEd, CHED, DOTr, LTO, LTFRB,
31 and MMDA shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of
32 this Act within thirty (30) days from its effectivity.

33 *Sec. 8. Separability Clause.* - If any part, section or provision of this Act is declared
34 invalid or unconstitutional, the sections or provisions which are not affected shall remain valid
35 and subsisting.

1 Sec. 9. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, ordinances, rules,
2 regulations, other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby
3 repealed or amended accordingly.

4 Sec. 10. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
5 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,