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PROHIBITING A PERSON FROM KNOWINGLY PERMITTING A MOTOR
VEHICLE OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY HIM TO BE DRIVEN BY A PERSON
WHO IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO DRIVE UNDER THE LAW

EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to the World Health Organization, an estimated 1.2 million people worldwide are killed every year due to road accidents, and as many as 50 million are injured or disabled. The majority of these deaths, approximately 85 percent, occur in low to middle-income countries

Inexperienced Drivers cause many automobile accidents as they are unfamiliar on how to drive. Many drive too fast for conditions, fail to obey speed limits, and get themselves in dangerous situations by following too close or aggressive maneuvers that do not allow escape routes. Statistics and common sense tells us that every year there are far too many accidents caused by young novice drivers who are allowed by irresponsible vehicle owners to drive even without having the proper driver's license.

This bill seeks to penalize irresponsible vehicle owners who permit persons not authorized or licensed to drive a vehicle from driving their vehicles.¹

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¹ This bill was originally filed in the Fourteenth Congress, Second Regular Session.



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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title* – This act shall be known as “Motor Vehicle Safety Act.”

2 SECTION 2. *Prohibition* – A person may not knowingly permit a motor vehicle
3 owned or controlled by him/her to be driven upon any street, road or highway by a person
4 who does not have a valid driver’s license issued by the Land Transportation Office..

5 SECTION 3. *Exceptions*. – This Act shall not apply to a person or corporation
6 duly licensed to engage in a driving school business.

7 SECTION 4. *Penalties*. – (a) Any person who shall violate any provision of
8 Section 3 of this Act shall upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not less than One
9 thousand pesos (₱1,000.00) but not more than Ten Thousand Pesos (₱10,000.00) or
10 imprisonment of not less than one month but not more than six months, or both upon the
11 discretion of the court.

12 (b) Any director, officer or agent of a corporation who shall authorize, order or
13 perform any of the acts or practices constituting in whole or in part a violation of Section
14 2, shall be subject to penalties to which that corporation may be subject.

1 (c) In case the violation is committed by, or in the interest of a foreign juridical
2 person duly licensed to engage in business in the Philippines, such license to engage in
3 business in the Philippines shall immediately be revoked.

4 SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part thereof, is held invalid
5 or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall
6 remain valid and subsisting.

7 SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
8 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to,
9 or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended
10 accordingly.

11 SECTION 7. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
12 following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general
13 circulation.

Approved,

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