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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 11, Section 15, provides:

The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

Article 2, Section 24, provides:

The State recognizes the vital role of communication and information in nation-building.

The reduction of response time for the delivery of emergency care will, in turn, prevent fatalities, substantially reduce the severity and extent of injuries, reduce time lost from work, and save thousands of lives and millions of pesos in health care costs.

This bill seeks to promote and enhance public safety through the use of universal emergency assistance number.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This bill was re-filed during the Thirteenth Congress, First Regular Session

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1 AN ACT  
2 PROMOTING AND ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGH THE USE OF  
3 UNIVERSAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE NUMBER

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

4 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the ‘Communications and Public  
5 Safety Act.’”

6 SECTION 2. *Purpose.* - The purpose of this Act is to encourage the use of universal  
7 emergency assistance number to meet public safety and other communications needs.

8 SECTION 3. *Universal Emergency Telephone Number.* - Every province shall designate  
9 a provincial wide emergency telephone number within its territorial jurisdiction for reporting an  
10 emergency to appropriate authorities and requesting assistance. In making such designation, the  
11 province shall provide a transition period for areas that have no access to telephone  
12 communications facilities.

13 SECTION 4. *Formulation of Policies.* -Each province shall formulate policies that will:

14 (A) Encourage members of the public to report significant risks to the safety of members  
15 of the traveling public, such as incidents of driving under the influence of alcohol or illegal  
16 drugs, driving aggressively, or other driving behavior that poses a risk to such safety;

17 (B) Will make significant efforts to minimize, such as through youth and adult driver  
18 education, driving behavior that poses a risk to the safety of members of the public.

1           SECTION 5. *Consultation.* - In carrying out the provisions of the preceding Section, each  
2 province shall consult local officials responsible for emergency services and public safety, the  
3 telecommunications industry, the motor vehicle manufacturing industry, emergency medical  
4 providers, public safety, fire service and law enforcement officials, consumer groups, and  
5 hospital emergency and trauma care personnel, including emergency physicians, trauma  
6 surgeons, and nurses.

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

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

13          SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
14 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

15          Approved.