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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Over the past several decades, the rate of mortality and morbidity due to road-traffic accidents has risen to very alarming levels that it has become a matter of great concern in many countries all over the world. The World Health Organization said that every day 1,000 people under the age of 25 are killed in traffic accidents, 90 percent occurring in low- to middle-income countries mainly in Africa and Asia.

Many citizens are concerned that dangerous driving behavior is becoming more common and that accidents due to this reckless behavior are increasing as well. This bill will help to preserve public safety and enhance traffic enforcement.\*

  
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\* This bill was originally filed in the Fourteenth Congress, Second Regular Session

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1 AN ACT  
2 TO REGULATE AGGRESSIVE DRIVING

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

5 SECTION 1. *Definition.* A person is guilty of aggressive driving when:

6 (A) He or she recklessly operates a motor vehicle on a public highway in a manner that  
7 creates a substantial risk of serious physical injury to another person; or

8 (B) He or she operates a motor vehicle on a public highway while displaying a deadly  
9 weapon, dangerous instrument or what reasonably appears to be a pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun,  
10 machine gun or other firearm in such a manner to place another person in reasonable fear of  
11 death or serious physical injury; or

12 (C) He or she operates a motor vehicle on a public highway in such a manner to place  
13 another person in reasonable fear of death or physical injuries.

14 (D) He or she tailgates, or drives on a road too closely behind another vehicle, such as  
15 less than the travel distance in two seconds or, equivalently, one vehicle-length for every 8 km/h  
16 (5 mph) of the current speed.

17 SECTION 2. *Penalty* – Any act of aggressive driving as enumerated in section 1 of  
18 this Act shall be punishable by a penalty of Five Thousand Pesos (P5, 000.00) for the first  
19 offense, Ten Thousand Pesos (P10, 000.00) for the second offense, and confiscation of the  
20 offender's driver's license and a fine of Fifty thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) upon the third and  
21 final offense.

1           SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts  
2 thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified  
3 accordingly.

4           SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is  
5 declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof which are not  
6 affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

7           SECTION 5. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days  
8 following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

9           Approved,