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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Slow-moving vehicles in the highway usually impede the flow of traffic or cause traffic hazards.

The proposed bill states that any vehicle proceeding upon a highway at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction at such time shall be driven in the right-hand lane for traffic or as close as practicable to the right-hand edge or curb, except when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction or when preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.

The purpose of the proposed bill is to help limit the number of traffic hazards and unnecessary traffic delays on the public roadways. When a vehicle is moving significantly slower than the posted speed limit, it causes other vehicles to have to pass them. When driving on a two lane road, these passing vehicles are by necessity having to travel in the same lane that oncoming traffic is driving in, increasing the chance of an accident.¹

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¹ This bill, was originally filed in the third regular session of the 14th Congress.

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1 AN ACT
2 REQUIRING A VEHICLE PROCEEDING UPON A HIGHWAY AT A
3 SPEED LESS THAN THE NORMAL SPEED OF TRAFFIC TO DRIVE IN THE
4 RIGHT-HAND LANE FOR TRAFFIC OR AS CLOSE AS PRACTICABLE TO THE
5 RIGHT-HAND EDGE OR CURB

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

6 SECTION 1. *Title.* - This Act shall otherwise be known as the "Slow-moving
7 Vehicles Act"

8 SECTION 2. *Mandate.* - Any vehicle proceeding upon a highway at a speed less
9 than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction at such time shall be driven
10 in the right-hand lane for traffic or as close as practicable to the right-hand edge or curb,
11 except when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction or
12 when preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.

13 SECTION 3. *Penalty.* - If a vehicle is being driven at a speed less than the normal
14 speed of traffic moving in the same direction at such time, and is not being driven in the
15 right-hand lane for traffic or as close as practicable to the right-hand edge or curb, the
16 driver of the said vehicle shall suffer the penalty of a fine in the amount of Ten Thousand
17 Pesos (P10,000.00) or the suspension of his Driver's License for a period of three (3)
18 months.

19 SECTION 4. *Traffic Signs* - The Department of Transportation and
20 Communications (DOTC), with respect to highways under their jurisdiction, may place
21 and maintain upon highways official signs directing slow-moving traffic to use the right-
22 hand traffic lane except when overtaking and passing another vehicle or preparing for a
23 left turn.

24 SECTION 5. *Appropriations.* – To carry out the provisions of this Act, such
25 amount as hereby necessary is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the National
26 Treasury.

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

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

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

Approved.