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

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 during the Fourteenth Congress, Third 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. *Title.* – This Act shall otherwise be known as the “Slow-moving
2 Vehicles Act”.

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

8 SECTION 3. *Penalty.* – If a vehicle is being driven at a speed less than the normal
9 speed of traffic moving in the same direction at such time, and is not being driven in the
10 right-hand lane for traffic or as close as practicable to the right-hand edge or curb, the
11 driver of the said vehicle shall suffer the penalty of a fine in the amount of Ten Thousand
12 Pesos (₱10,000.00) or the suspension of his Driver’s License for a period of three (3)
13 months.

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

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

9 SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
10 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
11 provisions hereof.

12 SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or
13 portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby
14 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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

Approved.

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