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EXPLANATORY NOTE

There is no law prescribing manufacturing standards for bicycle helmets. This is necessary considering that the practice of wearing bicycle helmets is rare in the country and that the promotion of its use could prevent bicycle-related head injuries.

The bill mandates government offices authorized to prescribe uniform standards in the manufacture of bicycle helmets. The Department of Transportation and Communications is authorized to establish grants for programs that require or encourage individuals to wear approved bicycle helmets.¹

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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 “The Bicycle Helmet
2 Safety Act.”

3 SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is a policy of the State to recognize the
4 need to promulgate standards for the manufacture of products that protect consumers and
5 for the promotion of the use of these products which have passed uniform government
6 standards.

7 SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms.* – As used in this Act, the following definition
8 of terms shall be adopted:

9 (1) “Approved Bicycle Helmet” – means a bicycle helmet that meets:

10 (a) any interim standard prescribed by the appropriate government agency;
11 pending establishment of a final standard; and

12 (b) the final standard, once it is established and promulgated by the appropriate
13 government agency.

14 (2) “Individuals” – includes children and adults.

1 SECTION 4. *Establishment of Program.* – The Secretary of the Department of
2 Transportation and Communications may, in accordance with Section 5, make grants to
3 provinces, cities, municipalities, and non-profit organizations for programs that require or
4 encourage individuals to wear approved bicycle helmets. In making those grants, the
5 Secretary shall allow grantees to use wide discretion in designing programs that
6 effectively promote increased bicycle helmet use.

7 SECTION 5. *Purpose of Grants.* – A grant made under Section 4 may be used by
8 a grantee to –

- 9 (1) enforce a law that requires individuals to wear approved bicycle helmets on
10 their heads while riding on bicycles;
- 11 (2) assist children to acquire approved bicycle helmets;
- 12 (3) develop and administer a program to educate individuals and their families on
13 the importance of wearing such helmets in order to improve bicycle safety; or
- 14 (4) carry out any combination of the activities described in paragraphs (1), (2), and
15 (3).

16 SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid
17 or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
18 provisions hereof.

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

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

Approved,