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EXPLANATORY NOTE

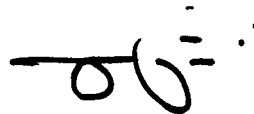
It is the mandate of the State to protect and promote the well-being of its citizens. It is, therefore, the duty of the government to establish enabling laws and programs that will ensure safe, viable and dependable road transportation in the country.

Given the surge in the number of road accidents that either kill or injure passengers, drivers and pedestrians on the road in recent years, road safety has become both a transportation and public health issue. Road traffic injuries are a public health challenge considering it is one of the top causes of death of young people. In 2015, the World Health Organization has reported that road traffic injury is the top cause of death among ages 15 to 19 years old. Moreover, an estimated 1.2 million people worldwide are killed in road crashes each year and as many as 50 million are injured.

In addition, based on the data collated by the Metro Manila Development Authority through its Accident Recording and Analysis System program, the number of vehicular accidents in Metro Manila rose in 2016 to 109,322 from the 95,615 the previous year.

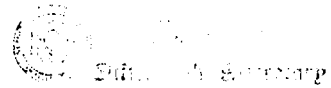
In response to the need to curtail the incidence and prevalence of deaths and injuries, property damages and socio-economic losses caused by road accidents and in recognition to the imminent need to promote a proactive road safety program, this proposed measure aims to integrate in the curriculum of all primary and secondary schools and institutions the teaching of road safety and drivers' education. Such curriculum shall include, among others, topics on the rights and responsibilities of pedestrians. Furthermore, this proposed bill seeks to establish a road safety information, education and communication campaign to educate the general public and pedestrians, and increase awareness among motor vehicle drivers on proper road courtesy and road safety regulations. Lastly, this proposed measure mandates the conduct of regular training of all traffic enforcers to ensure the proper and strict implementation of road safety and laws.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate enactment of this measure is earnestly sought.



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

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title*** - This Act shall be known as the "**Road**
2 **Safety Education Act of 2017.**"

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4 **SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy*** - It is hereby declared the policy
5 of the State to protect and promote the well-being and health of the
6 people. It is also the policy of the State to promote awareness and
7 instill consciousness among all Filipinos on the importance of road
8 safety. Towards this end, the State shall educate the general public,
9 especially the youth, on the pertinent road safety standards, regulations
10 and laws in order to promote compliance and prevent the occurrence of
11 motor vehicle road accidents.

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13 **SECTION 3. *Compulsory Teaching of Road Safety and Drivers'***
14 ***Education in All Primary and Secondary Schools, and***
15 ***Educational Institutions.*** - Basic Road Safety and Comprehensive
16 Drivers' Education shall be taught in all primary and secondary schools
17 and educational institutions, both public and private. Basic Road Safety
18 shall be integrated to the elementary education curriculum.
19 Comprehensive drivers' education shall be incorporated to the junior
20 and senior high school curricula.

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2 Incorporation of Basic Road Safety and Comprehensive Drivers'
3 Education to school curriculum shall be implemented on the next
4 academic year following the passage of this Act.

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6 **SECTION 4. Road Safety Curriculum** – The Department of
7 Education (DepEd), in coordination with the Department of
8 Transportation (DOTr), University of the Philippines National Center for
9 Transportation Studies (UP-NCTS) and in consultation with road safety
10 advocates and organizations, shall develop a Basic Road Safety
11 Curriculum conducive for elementary school students which shall
12 include, but not be limited to, the rights and responsibilities of
13 pedestrians and commuters in their use of all types of road
14 transportation, road awareness, road signage, and responsible
15 commuting.

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17 The aforementioned agencies and organizations shall, in the same
18 manner, develop a Comprehensive Drivers' Education appropriate for
19 junior and senior school students which shall include, but not be limited
20 to, driving rules and regulations, driving courtesy, driving safety, road
21 hazards, and vehicle safety features.

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23 Supplementary topics related to road safety issues and drivers'
24 education may be added periodically to further enhance the awareness
25 and knowledge of the students.

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27 **SECTION 5. Educational Materials** – The DepED shall consult and
28 coordinate with the DOTr, UP-NCTS and road safety advocates and
29 organizations in the writing, printing and publication of textbooks,
30 manuals and other educational materials to be used in the Road Safety
31 and Drivers' Education subjects.

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33 It shall be mandatory on all primary and secondary schools and
34 educational institutions to keep in their libraries an adequate number of
35 copies of the textbook and other educational materials on Road Safety
36 and Drivers' Education to be issued by the DepEd.

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38 The DepEd shall, in every school year, determine the adequacy of the
39 number of books, depending upon the enrollment in the secondary
40 school or institution.

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1 **SECTION 6. *Public Road Safety Information Campaign*** – The
2 DOTr, UP-NCTS in coordination with other government agencies, road
3 safety advocates and organizations, shall establish a road safety
4 information, education and communication campaign to educate the
5 general public and pedestrians, and increase awareness among motor
6 vehicle drivers on proper road courtesy and road safety regulations.

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8 The DOTr shall develop a Road Safety manual which shall, at all times,
9 be accessible through the DOTr website.

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11 **SECTION 7. *Road Safety Training for Traffic Enforcers*** - The
12 DOTr through the Land Transportation Office (LTO) shall develop and
13 conduct a Road Safety Training for Traffic Enforcers Program necessary
14 to educate traffic enforcers in matters relating to road safety, including
15 but not limited to traffic violations and procedures in apprehensions.

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17 The LTO shall coordinate with other government agencies, local
18 government units and road safety advocates and organizations in the
19 conduct of the training of traffic enforcers.

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21 All traffic enforcers shall undergo the Road Safety Training during the
22 first year of the implementation of this Act and every two years
23 thereafter.

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25 **SECTION 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations*** - Within thirty
26 (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Education,
27 Department of Transportation and the Land Transportation Office, in
28 consultation with other road safety advocates and organizations, shall
29 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

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31 **SECTION 9. *Appropriations*** - The funds needed for the purpose of
32 this Act shall be indicated as line item under the budget of the
33 appropriate agencies under the General Appropriations Act.
34 Appropriations for the implementation of this Act shall be sourced from
35 the Special Road Safety Fund as created under Republic Act No. 8794.

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37 **SECTION 10. *Separability Clause*** - If any provision or part of this
38 Act shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or
39 provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

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1 **SECTION 11. *Repealing Clause*** - All laws, decrees, executive orders,
2 issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the
3 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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5 **SECTION 12. *Effectivity Clause*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen
6 (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two
7 (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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9 *Approved,*