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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO ESTABLISH A MANDATORY MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MOTORCYCLE BUYERS IN RESPONSE TO THE NEED TO CURTAIL THE INCIDENCE AND PREVALENCE OF DEATHS AND INJURIES CAUSED BY MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS, AND TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION AND WELL-BEING OF PASSENGERS, DRIVERS AND PEDESTRIANS ON THE ROAD**

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

**WHEREAS**, transportation is imbued with public interest, and it is the policy of the State to provide safe, efficient, affordable, and accessible mass transportation for all;

**WHEREAS**, the Motorcycle Development Program Participants Association (MDPPA) reported that motorcycle sales reached 1,319,084 units in 2017, or an increase of 16% units sold;

**WHEREAS**, motorcycle riders have been the top victims of road crashes in Metro Manila since 2010. In Metro Manila alone, the Accident Recording and Analysis System program of the Metro Manila Development Authority reports that motorcycles rank 1<sup>st</sup> among vehicles that are involved in fatal road accidents<sup>1</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, based on data from the Philippine Statistics Authority, motorcycle-related injuries comprise 69% of the total identified transport incidents nationwide<sup>2</sup>;

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<sup>1</sup> <https://archive.org/details/MMARASAnnualReport2016>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.rappler.com/move-ph/issues/road-safety/166151-road-crashes-philippines-awareness-safety>

**WHEREAS**, 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;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to instil road safety consciousness among all Filipinos, especially motorcycle riders to ensure their safety, and to prevent the occurrence of motorcycle road crashes;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Senate urge President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, to establish a mandatory motorcycle safety training program for motorcycle buyers in response to the need to curtail the incidence and prevalence of deaths and injuries caused by motorcycle accidents, and to ensure the protection and well-being of passengers, drivers and pedestrians on the road.

*Adopted,*



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