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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Philippine Road Safety Action Plan (PRSAP) is part of our government's efforts to address road safety issues that continue to be a major concern in the country. The PRSAP has five (5) pillars, which altogether seek to achieve a safer road environment. These 5 pillars are: (1) improve road safety management, (2) safer road, (3) safer vehicles, (4) safer road users, and (5) improve trauma care and rehabilitation. Moreover, the PRSAP is anchored on the idea that road safety is a shared responsibility.

This bill seeks to create the National Road Safety Unit (NRSU) as an attached agency to the Department of Transportation to ensure the implementation of the PRSAP. This is an attempt to address the need for a more focused, mandated and adequately-managed road safety unit. This unit will be dedicated for the effective implementation of the PRSAP.

In the past, an Inter-agency Road Safety Committee has been created to promote road safety, to coordinate the review and enforcement of various measures on road safety and to formulate policies, programs and plans to further improve road safety. This bill is a bid to re-institutionalize a dedicated office for the purpose of ensuring that road safety issues are addressed.

For the attainment of our vision towards zero traffic deaths, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
**RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.**

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

1       Section 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "*National Road Safety*  
2       *Unit Act of 2019.*"

3       Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the duty of the State to promulgate policies  
4       that will ensure a safe, viable and dependable road safety system in the country in  
5       order to protect the welfare of the general public.

6       Sec. 3. *Creation of the National Road Safety Unit (NRSU)* – The National Road  
7       Safety Unit (NRSU) is hereby created to oversee the planning, development, and  
8       implementation of the Philippine Road Safety Action Plan (Plan) and all other existing  
9       road safety plans and programs. This Unit shall be an attached agency of the  
10      Department of Transportation.

11      The NRSU shall be the national focal point for road safety and shall be  
12      responsible for the coordination and execution of all functions related to plan  
13      formulation, strategy-making, policy-setting, project development, promotion and  
14      communications, and impact assessment of the activities included in various road  
15      safety initiatives.

16      Sec. 4. *Functions and Responsibilities of the NRSU.*

17      I.     Planning and Evaluation  
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- a) Review and evaluate the programs, activities, and projects in the Philippine Road Safety Action Plan;
- b) Revisit the Plan and amend correspondingly to include new developments, initiatives and policies in the area of road safety in coordination with other agencies and stakeholders.

## II. Data Management

- a) Oversee the creation and development of a national, integrated, open-source, web-based and real-time data management and reporting system for road incidents;
- b) Develop the institutional arrangement in the gathering, collating, and reporting of road incident data;
- c) Mobilize implementation and deployment of the database system and provide training to stakeholders;
- d) Implement policies with respect to the standardization of road incident reporting which includes defining road incident data fields and methodologies;
- e) Provide administrative support with respect to the database system; and
- f) Develop administrative procedures in relation to the system which include but are not limited to granting user access, assigning access privileges, and monitoring data quality.

## III. Monitoring and Reporting

- a) Develop and establish a project monitoring system for all programs of the NSRU;
- b) Review and evaluate of ongoing road safety initiatives; and
- c) Prepare status reports for submission to the different agencies involved in road safety.

## IV. Promotions and Communications

- a) Develop and implement communication strategies that promote road safety especially the projects and initiatives of the NRSU;

- 1                   b) Prepare and disseminate promotional materials for public  
2                   information campaigns; and  
3                   c) Conduct consultation meetings and public hearings with the key  
4                   stakeholders as necessary.

5           V.       Secretariat and Coordination

- 6                   a) Organize and document the undertakings of the NRSU; and  
7                   b) Coordinate with all stakeholders working on road safety initiatives.

8           VI.     Other Functions

- 9                   a) Perform such necessary activities to facilitate and ensure the  
10                  successful implementation of road safety projects.

11           Sec. 5. Organization of the NRSU. – The NRSU shall be organized and staffed  
12   in such a way that its functions and responsibilities are fulfilled and effectively carried  
13   out.

14           The NRSU's organizational structure and staffing plan, including qualification  
15   standards and terms of employment, shall be prepared by the DoTr Undersecretary  
16   for Road and approved by the Secretary, subject to existing rules and regulations.

17           Sec. 6. *Funding.* – The amount necessary for the initial operational  
18   requirements of the NRSU shall be sourced as follows: (1) Road Safety Fund, (2)  
19   General Appropriations Act, and (3) such other external sources subject to the existing  
20   accounting and auditing laws, and other applicable rules and regulations.

21           Sec. 7. *Separability Clause.* If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or  
22   unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall  
23   remain valid and subsisting.

24           Sec. 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees or issuances,  
25   executive orders, letter of instructions, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary  
26   to, or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or  
27   amended accordingly.

28           Sec. 9. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
29   publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved.*