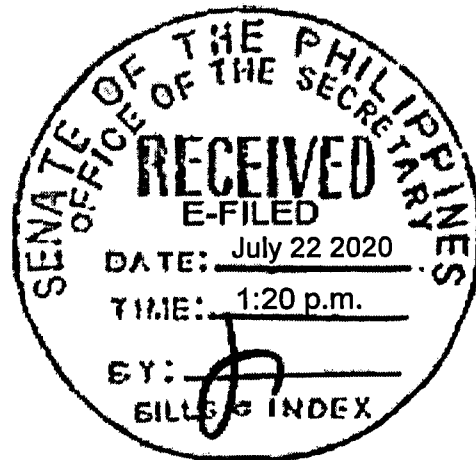


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Introduced by SENATOR RONALD "BATO" DELA ROSA

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Pursuant to the Constitutional principle that recognizes the protection of life and property and the promotion of the general welfare as essential to the enjoyment of the blessing of democracy, it was thereby declared the policy of the State to ensure road safety through the observance of the citizenry of responsible and ethical driving standards¹ which gave rise to *Republic Act No. 10586* otherwise known as the "*Anti-Drunk and Drugged Driving Act of 2013.*"

Nonetheless, despite the stringent penalties of *R.A. No. 10586*, on 12 February 2020, a grade 8 student of Gen. Pio del Pilar National High School, by the name of Jules Villapando, 13 years old, died after he and seven (7) other schoolmates namely: Donita De Chavez, Sherjan Arucan, Alvin Regalario, Wedel Ponce, Dexter Aquino and Andrei Nico Dela Cruz, were hit by a speeding jeepney while crossing a pedestrian

¹ Section 2, Republic Act No. 10586.

lane at the corner of J.P. Rizal Avenue and Mabini Street in Barangay Poblacion, Makati City.²

The Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs thereafter held a hearing on 03 March 2020 in view of the series of vehicular accidents involving drivers who tested positive for illegal drug use pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 325 where it was established that one of the main issues in the full implementation of *R.A. No. 10586* is the lack of coordination of law enforcement agencies which often results to a one-man enforcement.³

Indubitably, the insufficient number of Land Transportation Office (LTO) personnel to successfully enforce *R.A. No. 10586* which would conduct regular roadside operations and apprehend traffic violators has been one of the main causes in the difficulties in implementing road safety laws considering the disproportionate number of enforcers *vis-à-vis* the volume of motorists on the road.

The proposed legislation therefore aims to guarantee mandatory deputation for successful law enforcement through sufficient manpower which would conduct regular roadside operations and to ensure a proactive and continuous implementation of *R.A. No. 10586*, thus providing safe roads not only to passengers but also to the pedestrians.


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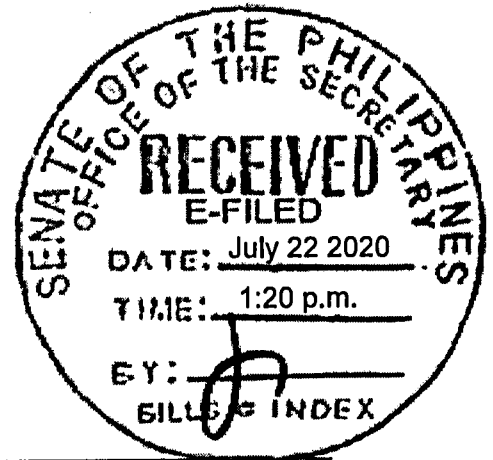
² Dexter Cabalza, "Speeding jeepney kills student, hurts 7 in Makati", *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, A17, 14 February 2020.

³ Committee Report No. 99, 02 June 2020.

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

1 Section 1. Section 10 of Republic Act No. 10586, otherwise known as the
2 "Anti-Drunk and Drugged Driving Act of 2013" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 "Section 10. Deputation. – The LTO [~~may~~] **SHALL** deputize traffic
4 enforcement officers of the PNP, the Metropolitan Manila
5 Development Authority (MMDA) and cities and municipalities in
6 order to [~~enforce~~] **ENSURE FULL AND EFFECTIVE**
7 **IMPLEMENTATION OF** the provisions of this Act. **THE PNP,**
8 **MMDA AND LOCAL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN**
9 **CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES SHALL ANNUALLY SUBMIT A**
10 **LIST OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS THAT MAY BE**
11 **DEPUTIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISION OF**
12 **THIS ACT, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE QUALIFICATIONS**
13 **AND GUIDELINES THAT THE LTO MAY IMPOSE."**

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15 Sec. 2. Section 14 of Republic Act No. 10586, otherwise known as the "Anti-
16 Drunk and Drugged Driving Act of 2013" is hereby amended to read as follows:

1 "Section 14. Nationwide Information Campaign. – Within one (1)
2 month from the promulgation of the implementing rules and
3 regulations as provided under Section 17 hereof, the Philippine
4 Information Agency (PIA), in coordination with the LTO, the local
5 government units (LGUs) and other concerned agencies, shall
6 conduct information, education and communication (IEC)
7 campaign for the attainment of the objectives of this Act. **THE**
8 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED) SHALL LIKEWISE**
9 **INTEGRATE ROAD SAFETY AND DRIVERS' EDUCATION**
10 **INTO THE K TO 12 CURRICULUM TO ENSURE AWARENESS**
11 **OF THE ILL EFFECTS OF DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING**
12 **IS INSTILLED IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT STAGE."**

13 Sec. 3. Section 15 of Republic Act No. 10586, otherwise known as the "Anti-
14 Drunk and Drugged Driving Act of 2013" is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 "Section 15. Nationwide Random Terminal Inspection and Quick
16 Random Drug Tests. – The LTO shall **REGULARLY** conduct
17 random terminal inspection and quick random drug tests of public
18 utility drivers. **SHOULD A DRIVER BE FOUND POSITIVE FOR**
19 **DRUG USE, APPROPRIATE ACTION SHALL BE**
20 **UNDERTAKEN AND THE OPERATOR SHALL LIKEWISE BE**
21 **MADE LIABLE IF FOUND TO BE NON-COMPLIANT WITH**
22 **THE GUIDELINES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND**
23 **EMPLOYMENT (DOLE) ON DRUG-FREE WORKPLACES.** The
24 cost of such tests shall be defrayed by the LTO."

25 Sec. 4. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared
26 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected thereby shall
27 remain in force and effect.

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29 Sec. 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All other laws, decrees, executive orders and rules
30 and regulations contrary or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
31 repealed or modified accordingly.

1 **Sec. 4. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
2 publication in the Official Gazette or in one (1) newspaper of general circulation.

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4 *Approved,*