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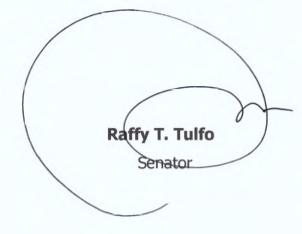
Explanatory Note

According to data recorded by the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), there were 57,179 road crashes in 2022 or 156 cases daily. In addition, the Department of Health (DOH) also notes that road accidents are one of the leading causes of death among children, with two kids dying daily in Metro Manila alone.

There are many adults that have little to no knowledge of basic road safety along with the different traffic rules and regulations. It is undeniable that numerous traffic accidents occur due to ignorance or false understanding of traffic rules. There is a need to improve, expand, and proliferate road safety education to adolescents in order to provide them with tools to become responsible drivers in the future.

With that being said, traffic and road safety education at the school level is integral in providing adolescents with valuable skills in maneuvering public roads and highways. To prevent the increasing incidence of injuries and death derived from road accidents, this proposed measure proposes to require the teaching of basic road safety and comprehensive driver's education as a part of the curriculum of senior high school.

In light of this, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

Section 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Driver's Safety 1 2 Education for Senior High School Students Act".

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Sec 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the State 4 to ensure a safe, viable, and dependable road safety system that ensures the general 5 well-being of the public. To this end, the State shall add the subject of road traffic 6 safety into the curriculum of senior high school students in order to increase road 7 safety awareness in future drivers. 8

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Sec 3. Road Traffic Safety Education. - The Department of Education 10 (DepEd), in coordination with the Department of Transportation (DoTr), The Land 11 Transportation Office (LTO), the University of the Philippines National Center for 12 Transportation Studies, and in consultation with road safety advocates and 13 organizations, shall develop a Basic Road Safety Curriculum conducive to senior high 14 school students which shall include, but not limited to, the following: 15

- a. Organization and operation of the LTO; 16
- b. Requirement and processes of obtaining a permit and license; 17
- c. Current road safety laws and traffic regulations; 18

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1	d.	Traffic signages;
2	e.	Operations of automotive parts and related accessories;
3	f.	Effective and safe driving maneuvers;
4	g.	Different parking skills;
5	h.	Driving courtesy;
6	i.	Scanning of danger to reduce road crash risks;
7	j.	Defensive driving techniques;
8	k.	Warning against driving under the influence;
9	1.	The correct way of checking the safety of a vehicle
10	m.	Road hazards;
11	n.	Emergency situations and procedures;
12	0.	A comprehensive discussion regarding the safe use of motorcycle and light
13		motor vehicles
14	p.	Passenger safety;
15	q.	Pedestrian safety; and
16	r.	Responsible commuting.
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18		Sec. 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Land Transportation
19	Office	(LTO) under the Department of Transportation and the Department of
20	Education (DepEd) shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) to	
21	carry	out the provisions of this Act.
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23		Sec. 5. Appropriations. – The funds needed for the purpose of this Act shall
24	be sourced from the Road Safety Fund which is 7.5% of the Motor Vehicles User's	
25	Charge	2
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27		Sec. 6. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
28	uncon	stitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
29	provis	ons hereof.
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Sec. 7. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of
this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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Sec. 8. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,