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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In this country, drag racing in public roads occurs with growing frequency. They are often accompanied by horrific acts of violence. The prevalence of illegal drag racing is so rampant that new laws should be made to penalize such activity.

To reduce the problem of drag-racing, this proposed bill seeks to amend Republic Act No. 4136, otherwise known as the Land Transportation and Traffic Code, to particularly include the definition and penalties for drag racing in public streets, roads and highways.

This proposed bill is in response to the increasing incidence of drag racing in public thoroughfares resulting to the death of drivers and bystanders alike. It seeks to penalize any person who shall drive a vehicle or participate in any manner in a race, speed competition or contest, drag race or acceleration contest, test of physical endurance or exhibition of speed or acceleration or for the purpose of making a speed record on a street or highway with a fine and a mandatory imprisonment.

However, this bill provides for an exception for the conduct of authorized drag racing events as proposed. The Land Transportation Office may authorize in writing an organized and properly controlled event to utilize a highway or part of a highway.

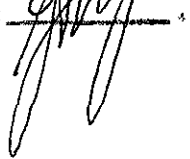
It is the State's duty to safeguard its interest against the increasing incidence of drag racing that tends to disrupt peace and order in the country. Thus, there is a need for a new law that would curb such activity.

As such, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly prayed for.


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An Act Defining and Regulating Drag Racing and Providing Penalties Therefore

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

SECTION 1. Short Title- This Act shall be known as "*Anti Drag Racing Act*".

SECTION 2. Declaration of State Policy- It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect all individuals from the dangers of drag racing that tend to disrupt peace and order in the country. In particular, the State recognizes its duty to safeguard the interest of the youth

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms:

A. "Drag race" as used in this act, shall refer to:

A.1. The operation of two or more vehicles from a point side by side at accelerating speeds in a competitive attempt to outdistance each other.

A.2. The operation of one or more vehicles over a common selected course and from the same point for the purpose of comparing the relative speeds or power of acceleration of the vehicle or vehicles within a certain distance or time limit.

B. The term "Racing" means the use of one or more vehicles in an attempt to out gain or outdistance another vehicle or prevent another vehicle from passing.

C. "Motor Vehicle" shall mean any vehicle propelled by any power other than muscular power using the public highways, but excepting road rollers, trolley cars, street-sweepers, sprinklers, lawn mowers, bulldozers, graders, fork-lifts, amphibian trucks, and cranes if not used on public highways, vehicles which run only on rails or tracks, and tractors, trailers and traction engines of all kinds used exclusively for agricultural purposes.

SECTION 4. Drag Racing Offense- No person shall drive a vehicle or participate in any manner in a race, speed competition or contest, drag race or acceleration contest, test of physical endurance or exhibition of speed or acceleration or for the purpose of making a speed record on a street or highway.

SECTION 5. *Conduct of Authorized Drag Racing Events* - The Land Transportation Office may authorize in writing an organized and properly controlled event to utilize a highway or part of a highway. The authorization shall specify the time of the event, the highway or part of a highway to be utilized and any special conditions the director may require for the particular event.

SECTION 6. *Penalties*. - Any person who commits any act herein prohibited shall, upon conviction, be punished with a mandatory imprisonment of one year without probation and shall pay a fine of not less than Two Hundred thousand pesos but not more than three hundred thousand pesos.

SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause*. -All laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, not consistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause*- This act shall take effect fifteen days (15) days after publication in the official gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,