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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill will strengthen child safety in public and private motor vehicles by prescribing standards and performance requirements for child vehicle restraint system. This bill seeks the prevention of automobile-related injuries and fatalities to children and signifies the commitment of the government in ensuring their safety and welfare.

In view of the above, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT REQUIRING THE MANDATORY COMPLIANCE BY
MOTORISTS OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC VEHICLES TO APPROPRIATELY
RESTRAIN ALL CHILD OCCUPANTS OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

*Be 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 "___".

Section 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to secure and safeguard its citizenry, particularly the passengers and drivers of private and public motor vehicles, from the ruinous and extremely injurious effects of vehicular accidents. Towards this end, the State shall pursue a more proactive and preventive approach in order to secure the safety of the passengers and drivers at all times by making mandatory that all child passengers of motor vehicles be appropriately restrained in order to reduce the incidence of injuries and fatalities resulting from motor vehicle crashes on the streets, roads, and highways.

Section 3. *Definition of Terms.* - For purposes of this Act, the term:

- (a) **"Motorist"** shall refer to the driver of a motor vehicle.
- (b) **"Motor vehicle"** shall refer to both private and public motor vehicle.
- (c) **"Private motor vehicle"** shall refer to any of the following:
 - (1) Any motor vehicle owned by individuals and juridical persons for private use;
 - (2) Any motor vehicle owned by the National Government or any of its agencies, instrumentalities or political subdivisions, including government-owned or controlled corporations or their subsidiaries for official use; and
 - (3) Any diplomatic vehicle.
- (d) **"Public motor vehicle"** shall refer to public utility vehicle or vehicle for hire.

Education and private agencies and organizations, shall undertake a regular nationwide Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaign for the attainment of the objectives of this Act. The campaign shall stress the safety and health value of restraining child using hands-free device while engaging in a call using cellular telephone while driving to support the most effective enforcement of this Act.

(b) The LTO, in coordination with the local government units, shall likewise utilize the services of citizen groups and community organizations for the promotion of public safety awareness in observance of this Act.

(c) The fines that will be collected for the enforcement of this Act shall be used exclusively for the implementation of the provisions of this Act, including the necessary promotion campaigns for the use of hands free devices.

Section 9. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision, or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 10. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, executive order, decree, issuance, ordinance, rule and regulation or any part thereof contrary or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is also hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

Section 11. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.