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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Seat Belts Use Act of 1999 labels private motor vehicles as those owned by individuals and juridical persons for private use, any motor vehicle owned by the national government or any of its agencies, and any diplomatic vehicle.

Republic Act 8750 mandates the installation and use of adult seat belts in the front and rear seats of any private motor vehicle.

Fifty-four percent of all injuries in the Philippines occur in the streets. Each day in the country, about 65 individuals die and 60 others are injured due to vehicular accidents. Hospital records in Metro Manila reveal vehicular accidents occur 3-4 times a week with peak frequency at 3:00 PM. Accident case fatality rates have been on an increasing trend nationwide.

Several factors contribute to high and increasing traffic injury incidence and mortality in developing nations. Low-income countries could not cope with increasing industrialization and motorization in time to provide adequate infrastructure, traffic safety education and road safety culture. Furthermore, the traditional view of injuries as "accidents," or random events, has resulted in its neglect in public health.

This law tends to increase the penalty for more effective implementation of the law. It is imperative to impose heavy or severe penalties on persons who continue to violate this Act.

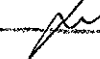
This bill proposes to increase the penalties in order to lower the level of resultant accidents involving seat belts use.



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**AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8750 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT REQUIRING THE MANDATORY COMPLIANCE BY MOTORISTS OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC VEHICLES TO USE SEAT BELT DEVICES, AND REQUIRING VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS TO INSTALL SEAT BELT DEVICES IN ALL THEIR MANUFACTURED VEHICLES**

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

Section 1. Section 12 of RA No. 8750 otherwise known as An Act amending requiring the mandatory compliance by motorists of private and public vehicles to use seat belt devices, and requiring vehicle manufacturers to install seat belt devices in all their manufactured vehicles is hereby amended as follows

Section 12. *Penalties and Fines.* In the enforcement of this Act, the LTO shall impose fines against drivers, operators, and owners of vehicles, manufacturers, assemblers, importers and/or distributors for violation of this Act.

The following shall be the basis in defining fine and penalty provisions of the IRR to be promulgated pursuant to Section 11 hereof, provided that six (6) months grace period shall be allowed to lapse to conduct a nationwide information campaign:

(1) On the driver

(a) For failure to wear the prescribed seat belt devices and/or failure to require his passengers to wear the prescribed seat belt device, a minimum fine of **THREE HUNDRED PESOS (P300)** {One hundred pesos (P100)} but not to exceed **ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P1,500)** {One thousand pesos (P1,000)} for the first violation; a minimum fine of **FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P500)** {Two hundred pesos (P200)} but not to exceed **TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P2,000)** {Two thousand pesos (P2,000)} for the second violation; and a minimum fine of **ONE THOUSAND PESOS (P1,000)** {Five hundred pesos (P500)} but not to exceed Five thousand pesos (P5,000) and suspension of driver's license for a period of **TWO (2)** {one(1)} weeks for the third and succeeding violations;

(b) Public utility vehicles shall post appropriate signage's instructing front seat passengers to wear seat belts when inside the vehicle. Non-compliance hereof will hold both the driver and the operator liable and shall be fined a minimum of **FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P500)** {Three hundred pesos (P300)} but not to exceed **FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5, 000)** {Three thousand pesos (P3, 000)} for every violation; and

(2) On any manufacturer, assembler, importer and distributor for every unit found without seat belt devices installed prior to its distribution to the public, a minimum fine of **SIX THOUSAND PESOS (P6000)** {Five thousand pesos (P5,000)} but not to exceed Ten thousand pesos (P10,000) and suspension of the license to manufacture, assemble, import or distribute for a period of one (1) year for the first violation; a minimum fine of **TWELVE THOUSAND PESOS (P12,000)** {Ten thousand pesos (P10,000)} but not to exceed Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000) and suspension of the license to manufacture, assemble, import or distribute for a period of **THREE (3)** {two (2) years} for the second violation; and a fine of **TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND PESOS** {Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000)} but not to exceed Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000) and suspension of the license to manufacture, assemble, import or distribute for a period of five (5) years for the third violation.

Section 2. Repealing Clause- The provisions of any general or special laws, decrees or orders which are in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 3. Effectivity- This decree shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,