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Explanatory Note


The World Health Organization (WHO) considers motorcycle accidents as a public health epidemic in many Asian countries such as the Philippines. According to the report, nearly 1.2 million persons die of road traffic accidents every year, of which 40 percent are under the age of 25. Between 20 million and 50 million are injured every year. Factors such as speed, no helmets, risk-taking behavior, and drunk-driving contribute to the rising trend. The WHO also added that those from the poor families are at a greater risk of being killed or injured in a road accident.

Accordingly, based on an Asian Development Bank (ADB) report, motorcyclists were second at risk of being killed or injured in the road accident. Furthermore, the report said that they were a 'growing concern' as the number of motorcycles has been growing by 40 percent per year in the last three (3) years.

In the Philippines, a Metropolitan Manila Development Authority Road Safety Unit (MMDA-RSU) data showed that accidents involving motorcycles have significantly increased over the past years. RSU figures showed motorcycles were involved in 2,092 accidents, of which 51 had fatalities, in the first five months of 2006. The year 2005 showed a total of 4,174 motorcycle-related accidents where 79 fatalities in mishaps involving motorcycles were reported.

Thus, this bill seeks to create the Motorcycle Safety Riding Program (MSRP) which shall be the Philippines' official motorcycle safety and training program. The MSRP shall teach riders of all skill levels the fundamentals needed in order to safely operate a motorcycle. This bill shall encourage motorcycle riders to strictly obey traffic rules and road safety precautions especially in our country which needs not only infrastructure development, but also behavioral change in the citizenry.

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


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AN ACT
REQUIRING ALL MOTORCYCLE OWNERS TO UNDERGO MOTORCYCLE
SAFETY RIDING PROGRAM, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Title.***- This Act shall be known as the "*Motorcycle Safety Riding Program*
2 *of 2010*".

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4 **SEC. 2. *Policy of the State.***- It is the policy of the State to help lessen, if not totally
5 eradicate, the frequency of motorcycle-related accidents.

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7 **SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.***- For the purposes of this Act, the following terms shall
8 have the following respective meanings:

- 9 1. *Motorcycle* means every motor vehicle, other than a tractor, having a seat or saddle for the
10 use of the operator and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the
11 ground, including, but not limited to, motor vehicles known as "motor-driven cycle," "motor
12 scooter," or "motorcycle" without regard to weight or brake horsepower.
- 13 2. *Motorcycle Owner* means a person who holds the legal title of a motorcycle or in the event a
14 motorcycle is the subject of an agreement for the conditional sale or lease thereof with the
15 right of purchase upon performance of the conditions stated in the agreement and with an

1 immediate right of possession vested in the conditional vendee or lessee or in the event a
2 mortgagor of a motorcycle is entitled to possession then such conditional vendee or lessee or
3 mortgagor shall be deemed the owner for the purpose of this title.
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5 **SEC. 4. *Motorcycle Safety Riding Program.*** - All motorcycle owners in the Philippines
6 are required to undergo a “Motorcycle Safety Riding Program” (MSRP) which will be
7 spearheaded by trained motorcycle safety instructors of municipal and city governments in the
8 country. A fee of Three Hundred Pesos (P300.00) shall be paid by the motorcycle owner to the
9 Treasury Department before undergoing the said program.

10 An Identification Card (ID) and a small metal plate containing the MSRP registration
11 number shall be issued to all motorcycle owners who will finish the MSRP, and it shall be issued
12 to the owner upon renewal of the MSRP registration, which is annually, a corresponding sticker
13 shall be issued to the owner.
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15 **SEC. 5. *Prohibition.***- Lending and tampering of the metal plate, sticker and ID are
16 prohibited and shall be punished accordingly.
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18 **SEC. 6. *Penalty.***- Any person found violating any of the provisions of this Act shall be
19 penalized in the following manner:

- 20 a) A fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) shall be imposed upon any person who will be
21 caught without an MSRP metal plate and/or ID; and
22 b) A fine of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00) shall be imposed for tampering or lending of
23 metal plate, ID and sticker.
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25 **SEC. 7. *Implementing Agency.***- The Philippine National Police and the Office of Public
26 Safety and Security in every town or city are hereby tasked to implement this Act.

1 **SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.***- Any laws, decrees, ordinances or rules and regulations
2 which are inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby amended or
3 repealed.

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5 **SEC. 9. *Effectivity.***- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
6 publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,