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Explanatory Note

The Local Government Code of 1991 authorizes the local government units to regulate the use of streets and sidewalks, and to regulate traffic on all streets and bridges within their jurisdiction. Hence, the creation of a Traffic Violators program in the country shall provide for a classroom setting for instruction on traffic and driving safety.

In the United States, schools for traffic violators are offered as part of pretrial diversion programs for traffic violators by traffic courts, in the interest of improving general safety. The presence of these schools helps the traffic violators master the road rules and the basic mechanics of good driving. Moreover, the schools teach the violators how to avoid crashes, general defensive driving skills and tips on avoiding road rage.

Thus, this bill seeks to create street-side reform schools for traffic violators which shall allow moving violators to receive instruction in driving and traffic safety. This measure also seeks to mete out swift and useful punishment that could finally curb, if not totally deter, the high incidence of traffic violations by designating traffic violators the additional penalty of immediate mandatory attendance at a lecture at the nearest designated street-side reform school. Traffic schools are no longer just a punishment for violators. It is now an opportunity to learn.

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


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AN ACT

CREATING STREET-SIDE REFORM SCHOOLS FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATORS IN EVERY CITY AND MUNICIPALITY IN THE COUNTRY, 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 "Schools for Traffic Violators Act
2 of 2010".

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4 **SEC. 2. Creation of Street-side Reform Schools.** - Street-side reform schools for traffic
5 violators are hereby created for the conduct and administration of lectures on applicable traffic
6 laws, road courtesy and signages, and related traffic matters.

7 The Mayor in every city and municipality in the country shall determine the number and
8 location of these street-side reform schools, and issue the corresponding circular for their
9 establishment and operation subject only to the condition that the lectures be conducted in full
10 view of the public.

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12 **SEC. 3. Apprehension of a Traffic Violator.** - Every traffic violator, whether the
13 violation be of a national or local traffic regulation, upon apprehension, shall be immediately
14 asked to turn over his driver's license and vehicle registration papers for verification purposes.
15 Thereafter, the corresponding traffic violation receipt or ticket shall be issued by the
16 apprehending officer, which shall embody the usual data and designate the additional penalty of
17 immediate mandatory attendance at a lecture at the nearest designated street-side reform school.
18 The violator will then be directed to park his vehicle at the nearest parking area, and proceed to
19 the lecture area to await the start of the lecture.

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21 **SEC. 4. Lectures.** - Lectures may be conducted for groups of or lone violators, depending
22 upon the availability of lecturers. In no case, however, shall any violator be asked to wait for

1 more than three (3) hours for the mandated lecture. After three (3) hours has elapsed without a
2 lecture being administered, the violator shall be deemed to have satisfied the mandatory lecture
3 requirement.

4 Each lecture shall follow a standard format and cover the same range of topics, to be
5 determined by the Municipal or City Mayor in consultation with the Chief of Police of the local
6 PNP, the Chief of the local PNP Traffic Division and the Chief of the Office of Public Safety and
7 Security. Each lecture shall last for a minimum length of thirty (30) minutes and a maximum
8 length of one (1) hour.

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10 **SEC. 5. *Penalty.*** - Depending upon the gravity of the traffic violations, an offender may
11 also be enjoined to perform traffic reform service, a type of community service, from one (1) to
12 three (3) hours after completion of the lecture. The Chiefs of the Philippine National Police
13 (PNP) Traffic Divisions in every municipality in the country are hereby tasked to prepare a list of
14 traffic violations according to their gravity, and the corresponding traffic reform service hours
15 recommended to be served for each. This schedule shall be submitted to the Municipal/City
16 Mayor for final approval prior to implementation.

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18 **SEC. 6. *Completion of penalty.*** - Upon satisfaction of the penalties of lecture –
19 attendance, community service, if any and fine, if any, the offender shall be allowed to go free,
20 and his license and vehicle registration papers shall be returned to him. Refusal of a traffic
21 violator to submit himself to the procedure and penalties herein mandated shall automatically
22 render the violator liable to the penalty of one (1) month imprisonment, in addition to all other
23 penalties, whether fine or imprisonment, imposable for the traffic violation charged.

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25 **SEC. 7. *Duty of the apprehending officers.*** - It shall be the duty of the apprehending
26 officer to record the name, address, and license number of the offender in a central registry of
27 traffic reform school attendees, either as a first or repeat offender. Any traffic violator who is
28 found to be a three-time offender shall be subject to the additional penalty of imprisonment for
29 one (1) month over and above the penalty, imprisonment or otherwise, imposable for the latest
30 violation charged.

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32 **SEC. 8. *Implementing Agencies.*** - For purposes of this Act, the PNP Chief, the Chief of
33 the Office of Public Safety and Security, and the Chief of the Tricycle Regulations Office shall
34 designate men among their ranks who shall act as lecturers at the traffic reform schools.
35 Nevertheless, all City/Municipal PNP-Traffic Division operatives, and Tricycle Regulations

1 operatives shall be required to attend a seminar on how to implement this Act, including the
2 manner of conducting the subject lectures and the range of topics to be covered by the same in
3 order to ensure that the absence of designated lecturers shall not cause any disruption in the
4 conduct of the lectures herein mandated.

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6 **SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.*** - Any laws, decrees, ordinances or rules and regulations
7 which are inconsistent with or contrary to the provision of this Act is hereby amended or
8 repealed.

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10 **SEC. 10. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
11 publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,