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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create a bicycle lane in designated roads so as to provide biking enthusiasts a safe and well-deserved byway where they can pass without obstruction or danger from vehicular traffic.

Biking as an alternative way of physical exercise and an environment-friendly activity has long been promoted not only in the country but also globally. The populace of other Asian countries notably China have been extensively using the bicycle as a means of transportation to and from their places of work and business trades. Not only does it enhance the well-being of the people by providing them a daily dose of exercise but more importantly, it will minimize the use of motorized vehicles which dump so much ozone-harming and disease-causing fuel emissions.

In the Philippines, there is an urgent need to come up with legislative measures which will lessen our dependence on fossil fuels and save our environment--especially the urban areas--from further deterioration due to pollution. A successful promotion of biking as a means of mass-transport will decidedly bring about a healthy populace free from respiratory ailments and likewise drastically cut fuel expenses. It will also declog the streets from too much traffic, hence, reducing delays in public transport.

The immediate and favorable passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT
MANDATING THE DESIGNATION OF A ONE METER WIDE LANE FOR
THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF BICYCLE RIDERS
IN ALL NATIONAL ROADS OF THE COUNTRY, PRESCRIBING THE
PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. A bicycle lane measuring one (1) meter wide is hereby mandated to be designated on the rightmost portion of the road next to the sidewalk of all national roads throughout the country except when such roads comprise major highways closed to non-motorized traffic.

SEC. 2. Such bicycle lane shall be clearly marked "BIKE LANE" in bold white letters every fifty (50) meters and segregated from all vehicular traffic lanes by a yellow dividing line.

SEC. 3. The bicycle lane shall in no way affect the standard width of the traffic lanes of the road. If the width of the road cannot accommodate a bicycle lane without diminishing the width of the traffic lane/s, the bicycle lane shall not be designated in said road.

SEC. 3. All motorized vehicular traffic shall not be allowed to use the said bicycle lane at any time of the day. Every illegal incursion into the bicycle lane shall merit a traffic violation fee of Two Hundred Pesos (P200.00) from law enforcement authorities tasked with traffic management.

SEC. 4. The right of way of bikers shall be paramount at all times and may not be obstructed by motorized vehicles even in intersections.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,