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House Bill No. 1030



Introduced by: **REP. ISIDORO E. REAL, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our country's highways, thoroughfares, roads, streets and lanes, especially those located in bustling, highly urbanized centers, are fraught with hazards that may come from reckless drivers, old and unsafe vehicles, and roads in a state of disrepair.

Yet, there is another hazard that gravely threatens the life and safety of people, a hazard that becomes a tragic reality when bannered by major newspapers as in the case of three (3) university students who were killed and three (3) others who were seriously injured after their cars fell off a ravine at the end of the runway of the Loakan Airport in Baguio City in the early morning of September 30, 2002. This is the practice of drag racing or acceleration contests among drivers, whether possessing a valid driver's license or not, conducted on highways, thoroughfares, roads, streets or lanes including those located inside private subdivisions, using trucks, cars, motorcycles, or other motorized contrivances. The discomfort or stress caused by the shrill sounds of wheels keeping one awake in the dead of night or the unholy hours of dawn are none compared to the clear and present danger of the damage this practice can pose to property and the life and limbs of innocent people, not to mention those of the racers themselves. And seemingly, for no rhyme or reason at all but the pursuit of thrills, with no due regard for others.

It is, therefore, imperative that the practice of drag racing be banned and penalized and only racing in duly authorized racetracks, with all the safety measures duly taken, be allowed.

Approval of this Bill is strongly recommended.


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AN ACT
PROHIBITING DRAG RACING AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION
THEREOF.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be the policy of the State to protect the lives and
safety of its citizens, and ensure that the communities where they reside are
peaceful and conducive to serene, stress-free living.

SEC. 2. Drag racing or acceleration contests between drivers, whether
possessing a valid driver's license or not, conducted on highways,
thoroughfares, roads, streets, or lanes, including those located inside private
subdivisions, and using trucks, cars, motorcycles or any motorized contrivances,
is hereby prohibited. Only racing in duly authorized racetracks, with all the
safeguards and measures duly taken to protect the racers and the racing
aficionados, shall be allowed.

SEC. 3. Any person who violates any provision of this Act shall be
penalized by *prision correccional* in its maximum period to *prision mayor* in its
medium period. If the drag racing is conducted for betting purposes, the
penalty shall be imposed in its maximum period.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in two
(2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,