

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2590 -



Introduced by the Hon. JOSEPH A. SANTIAGO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to authorize the Department of Education to include vehicle traffic education as part of the educational curriculum in the elementary and secondary level.

It is the policy of the state to provide and ensure the right of all citizens to quality education and to establish, maintain and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society. It is along this vain that vehicular traffic education will certainly be relevant to the needs of our people and society.

It is a fact that traffic congestion poses a big problem plaguing our country especially at the metropolis. It has been observed that more than ninety (90%) percent of vehicles enter the primary/secondary national roads all throughout the country. Because of this, the safety of our riding public, particularly our young students are placed in a compromising situation. In fact, numerous reported incidents involved cases of hit and run resulting to deaths. Truly, there is a need for us to educate our young children on how to protect and safeguard themselves from the atrocities brought by unwanted vehicular accidents.

Moreover, the institutionalization of vehicle traffic education as part of our educational curriculum shall inculcate and instill personal discipline and develop good values among our studentry. Too, it would serve as mirror and conscience to parents and elder siblings to follow traffic rules and therefore help eradicate traffic violations and ease traffic decongestion.

In addition, the inclusion of vehicle traffic education will bolster government efforts to address the burgeoning traffic problem in the metropolis and likewise ease out the issues on abuses of traffic enforcers.

In view of the forgoing considerations, approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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16 **AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INCLUDE**
17 **VEHICLE TRAFFIC EDUCATION AS PART OF THE EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM**
18 **IN THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY LEVEL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS**
19 **THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**
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22 Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in
23 Congress assembled:
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26 SECTION 1. It is the policy of the state to provide for and ensure the right of all
27 citizens to quality education and to establish, maintain and support a complete,
28 adequate, and integrated system of education relevant of the needs of the people and
29 society. Towards this end, the State shall promote the intellectual and social well-being
30 of the people by protecting and promoting the right of all its citizens. Henceforth, the
31 Department of Education is authorized to include as part of values education subject,
32 the teaching of basic vehicle traffic rules in the elementary and secondary levels.
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34 SECTION 2. The Department of Education shall coordinate with the Land
35 Transportation Office in the training and education of public school teachers to gain the
36 necessary knowledge in teaching the basics of vehicle traffic rules.
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38 SECTION 3. The Department of Education shall promulgate and publish the
39 necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.
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41 SECTION 4. The provisions of all other laws, decrees, orders, rules, or
42 regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed accordingly.
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44 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its
45 complete publication in the official Gazette, or in at least two national newspapers of
46 general circulation, whichever comes earlier.
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48 APPROVED.