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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposal aims to provide compulsory psycho-technical driver assessment test. The test involves assessment of both a driver's cognitive and motor skills as well as psychiatric fitness to drive. Similar psycho-technical assessment systems are used mainly in countries with many traffic accidents such as Italy and Spain.

Primarily, the psycho-technical assessment test would ensure improve traffic safety. Indeed, professional drivers, and those drivers dealing with dangerous vehicles must be assessed to guarantee the public that they possessed the necessary knowledge demanded by their work or job. In addition, the test will help assessed the driving ability of some patients with early forms of Alzheimer's disease, with trauma, with visual impairment, stroke patients, and even elderly drivers.

It must be brought into mind that according to some reports on the prevention of road-traffic injuries, more than 4,000 people die each year at a cost of at least \$894 million, or 1.2 % of Philippines' Gross Domestic Product. In addition, it is acknowledged that road accidents are growing to be the leading cause of mortality among Filipinos.

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly prayed for.



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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 22 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR COMPULSORY
PSYCHO-TECHNICAL DRIVER ASSESSMENT TESTS

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

SECTION 1. Section 22 of Republic Act No. 4136, otherwise known as the Land Transportation and Traffic Code, shall be amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 22. Driver's license, fees, examination. - Every person who desires to operate any motor vehicle shall file an application to the Director or his deputies for a license to drive motor vehicles; provided however, that no person shall be issued a professional driver's license who is suffering from contagious diseases such as tuberculosis, sexually transmitted disease and epilepsy or who is an alcohol or drug addict or dependent, AND WHO HAS NOT PASSED THE PSYCHO-TECHNICAL DRIVER ASSESSMENT TESTS ADMINISTERED BY OFFICIAL PSYCHOLOGISTS AND/OR PSYCHOMETRICIANS OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE."

SECTION 2. Psycho-technical Driver Assessment Tests. - The psycho-technical driver assessment tests shall comprise of three (3) series of psychological exams that will measure a driver's - (a) cognitive and motor skills, (b) psychiatric fitness to drive, and (c) temperamental quotient.

SECTION 3. Guidelines. - Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Land Transportation Office (LTO) shall promulgate and issue such guidelines as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 4. Appropriations. - To carry out the provisions of this Act, such amount as may be necessary is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the National Treasury.

SECTION 5. Separability Clause.- If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 6. Repealing Clause.- Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SECTION 7. Effectivity Clause.- This Act shall take effect fifteen(15) days after its publication in at least two(2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,