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House Bill No. 1576

Introduced by Representatives
DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL ARROYO and GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO

AN ACT
REQUIRING A VEHICLE PROCEEDING UPON A HIGHWAY AT
A SPEED LESS THAN THE NORMAL SPEED OF TRAFFIC TO
DRIVE IN THE RIGHT-HAND LANE FOR TRAFFIC OR AS
CLOSE AS PRACTICABLE TO THE RIGHT-HAND EDGE OR
CURB

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Slow-moving vehicles in the highway usually impede the flow of traffic or sometimes cause traffic hazards.

To minimize these pernicious effects, the proposed Bill requires any vehicle proceeding upon a highway at a speed less than the normal prescribed speed of traffic moving in the same direction at such time to be driven in the right-hand lane for traffic or as close as practicable to the right-hand edge or curb, except when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction or when preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.

The purpose of this directive is to help limit the number of traffic hazards and unnecessary traffic delays on the public roadways. In consideration of the benefits intended by this measure, its early passage is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall otherwise be known as the "Slow-Moving Vehicles Act of 2010."

SECTION 2. *Mandate.* – Any vehicle proceeding upon a highway at a speed less than the normal prescribed speed of traffic moving in the same direction at such time shall be driven in the right-hand lane for traffic or as close as practicable to the right-hand edge or curb, except when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction or when preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.

SECTION 3. *Penalty.* – If a vehicle is being driven at a speed less than the normal prescribed speed of traffic moving in the same direction at such time, and is not being driven in the right-hand lane for traffic or as close as practicable to the right-hand edge or curb, the driver of the said vehicle shall suffer the penalty of a fine in the amount of Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00) or the suspension of his Driver's License for a period of three (3) months.

SECTION 4. *Traffic Signs* – The Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), with respect to highways under their jurisdiction, may place and maintain upon highways official signs directing slow-moving traffic to use the right-hand traffic lane except when overtaking and passing another vehicle or preparing for a left turn.

SECTION 5. *Appropriations*. – To carry out the provisions of this Act, such amount as hereby necessary is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the National Treasury.

SECTION 6. *Separability Clause*. – If any provision or part thereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 7. *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 8. *Effectivity Clause*. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,