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AN ACT
PROHIBITING A PERSON FROM KNOWINGLY PERMITTING A
MOTOR VEHICLE OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY HIM TO BE
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UNDER THE LAW

EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to the World Health Organization, an estimated 1.2 million people worldwide are killed every year due to road accidents, while as many as 50 million are injured or suffer permanent disability.

Statistics shows that most of these accidents are caused by inexperienced and/or unlicensed drivers. To curb this rising incidence, the proposed Bill seeks to penalize irresponsible vehicle owners who permit persons not authorized or licensed to drive a vehicle from driving their vehicles. By providing a strong deterrent against vehicle owners, it is hoped that the perils posed by inexperienced drivers will be reduced.

In view of the foregoing reasons, the expeditious passage of this proposed measure is earnestly requested.


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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Motor Vehicle
Safety Act of 2010.”

SECTION 2. *Prohibition.* – A person may not knowingly permit a motor
vehicle owned or controlled by him/her to be driven upon any street, road or
highway by a person who does not have a valid driver's license issued by the
Land Transportation Office.

SECTION 3. *Exceptions.* – This Act shall not apply to a person or
corporation duly licensed to engage in a driving school business.

SECTION 4. *Penalties.* - (a) Any person who shall violate any provision of
this Act shall upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not less than One Thousand
Pesos (P1,000.00) but not more than Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00) or
imprisonment of not less than one (1) month but not more than six (6) months, or
both upon the discretion of the court.

(b) In case the violation is committed by a juridical person, the liability imposed by this Act shall be directed against the director, officer or agent who authorized and/or performed the acts penalized herein.

(c) In case the violation is committed by a foreign juridical person duly licensed to engage in business in the Philippines, such license to engage in business in the Philippines shall immediately be revoked, in addition to the penalties to be imposed on the director, officer or agent who authorized and/or performed the acts penalized herein.

SECTION 5. *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 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,