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Introduced by **Hon. GABRIEL LUIS R. QUISUMBING**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The promotion of safety and comfort in land travel is the continuing commitment of the Land Transportation Office.

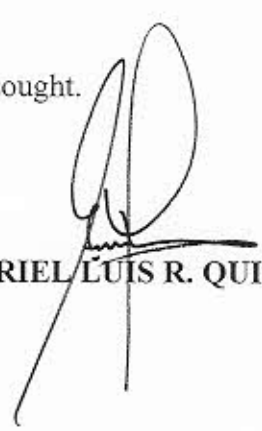
Section 19. of RA 4136 the Land Transportation and Traffic Code provides that, no person shall operate any motor vehicle without first procuring a license to drive a motor vehicle for the current year, nor while such license is delinquent, invalid, suspended or revoked.

The criteria before a person can drive any motor vehicle is that he/she must be at least sixteen (16) years old for a student permit, seventeen (17) years old for non-professional license and eighteen (18) years for a professional license and conductor's license.

Despite the passage of Republic Act 4136 on June 20, 1964 the problem of minors below 15 years old who have licenses has risen to an alarming rate.

There are a lot of public officers of the Land Transportation Office who issued student permits to minors below sixteen (16) years old, Non-Professional driver's license to minors below Seventeen (17) years old and Professional driver's license to minors below Eighteen (18) years old.

Hence, the early approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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“AN ACT PENALIZING ANY PERSON / PUBLIC OFFICER WHO ISSUE, ABET AND OR FACILITATE THE ISSUANCE OF A STUDENT PERMIT TO MINORS BELOW SIXTEEN (16) YEARS OLD, NON-PROFESSIONAL LICENSE TO MINORS BELOW SEVENTEEN (17) YEARS OLD AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSE AND CONDUCTOR’S LICENSE TO MINORS BELOW EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OLD AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

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

Section 1. TITLE – This Act shall be known as “An Act Imposing Penalties to Persons / Public Officers Who Issue, Abet and or Facilitate the Issuance of a Student Permit, a Non-Professional license and Professional Driver’s License to Minors.

Section 2. SCOPE OF THE ACT – The provisions of this Act shall control, as far as they apply, the licensing of a Student Permit to Minors below Sixteen (16) years old, Non- Professional Driver’s license to Minors below Seventeen (17) years old and Professional Driver’s license to Minors below Eighteen (18) years old.

Section 3. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It is the policy of the State to protect and apprehend persons/public officers from issuing driver’s license to minors fifteen (15) years and below.

In view of this, it is incumbent upon the Government to carry out an intensive and all-out campaign against Persons / Public officers who issued Student permit to minors below sixteen (16) years old, Non-Professional driver’s license to minors below Seventeen (17) years old and Professional driver’s license to minors below Eighteen (18) years old and to assist in the implementation and enforcement of Republic Act 4136 the Land Transportation and Traffic Code.

Section 4. WORDS AND PHRASES DEFINED – As used in this Act:

- a. Driver – shall mean every and any licensed operator of a motor vehicle.
 - b. Public officers – any persons who has the authority to issue driver’s license
 - c. Minor – one under the legal age of competence
 - d. Driver’s license – a permit to every person who desires personally to operate and
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- g. Student permit – shall mean every and any qualified person to drive motor vehicle with the assistance of a Professional Driver's License.

Section 5. PROHIBITION – It shall be unlawful for any person / public officer Who Issue, Abet and or facilitate the Issuance of a Student Permit, a Non-Professional license and Professional Driver's License to Minors.

Section 6. PENALTY – Any person / public officer who violates this Act shall be penalized by a fine of not less than Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) but not exceeding One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) or imprisonment of not exceeding one (1) year, or both at the discretion of the court, Without prejudice to the filing of an administrative case against an erring public official.

Section 6. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY – The Land Transportation Office, Philippine National Police, and the Civil Service Commission shall be in charged with the implementation of this Act.

Section 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions shall not be affected.

Section 7. REPEALING CLAUSE – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders and rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

APPROVED,

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