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EXPLANATORY NOTE

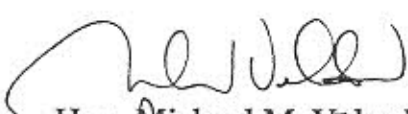
Ingat Pilipinas, an advocacy group composed of public and private entities from the transportation sector, cites that statistics from the PNP-Highway Patrol Group (PNP-HPG) revealed that there were over 20,008 road accidents reported in 2009 which means that there are around 50 road accidents that occur in the Philippines on a daily basis.

To identify the cause of these accidents, Ingat Pilipinas conducted a 2010 survey in Metro Manila which showed that the major factors that contribute to accidents can all be classified under human error and 44% of the respondents cited over-speeding. True enough, The PNP-HPG reported that of the 8,703 incidents recorded in March of 2009, 2,984 were over-speeding cases.

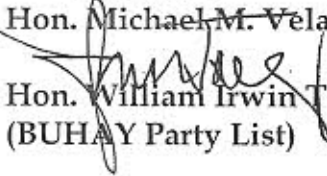
With these figures in mind, over-speeding accidents become more appalling when they involve public utility vehicles. No wonder why the law imposes, not only the standard diligence - that of a good father of a family, but extraordinary diligence to common carriers because much more human lives are at stake.

It is for this reason that over-speeding must be addressed effectively; and there is no more effective way of doing this than restricting the top speed of the motor vehicle itself through speed limiters. With the mandatory installation of this device in all public utility vehicles, it is believed that there will be utmost observance of the mandated speed limits in various public streets, highways and thoroughfares, thereby radically reducing vehicular accidents, and ultimately, saving lives.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT
REQUIRING MANDATORY INSTALLATION OF SPEED LIMITERS IN PUBLIC
UTILITY VEHICLES.

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This act shall be known as the "*Speed Limiters Act of 2011.*"

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the policy of the State to promote order and safety in streets, highways and public thoroughfares. To this end, it shall be the policy of the State to strictly enforce traffic rules and regulations, particularly the respective speed limits imposed in various streets, highways and public thoroughfares, for the benefit of the commuting public.

SEC. 3. *Mandatory Speed Limiter in Public Utility Vehicles.* - All public utility vehicles (PUVs), whether already in operation or to be constructed, produced or manufactured, shall henceforth bear speed limiters.

SEC. 4. *Setting the Speed Limiter.* - The Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC), through its proper agency, shall supervise and inspect the setting of a speed limiter to its respective speed limits, corresponding to the maximum allowed in the route plied by a particular PUV.

SEC. 5. *DOTC Accreditation.* - The DOTC, through its proper agency, shall accredit persons, establishments or institutions manufacturing speed limiting devices. Only speed limiters produced and manufactured by accredited persons, establishments or institutions shall be allowed to be installed in PUVs.

SEC. 6. *Government Subsidy.* - The DOTC shall subsidize deserving PUV owners in the procurement and installation of speed limiters.

SEC. 7. *No Speed Limiter, No Registration.* - No PUV shall be registered by the Land Transportation Office (LTO) without the proper speed limiter installed and set.

SEC. 8. *Tampering of Speed Limiter.* - A penalty of fine not exceeding 30,000 Pesos, and imprisonment of six (6) months but not more than 3 years shall be imposed upon a person tampering with a duly installed and set speed limiter.

SEC. 9. - *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The DOTC, in coordination with the LTO and the LTFRB, shall formulate the necessary guidelines and promulgate rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

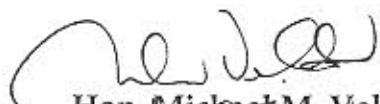
SEC. 10. *Appropriation.* - Such sums as may be necessary for the immediate implementation of the provisions of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Thereafter, funds for its implementation shall be included in the regular appropriations of the DOTC.

SEC. 11. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

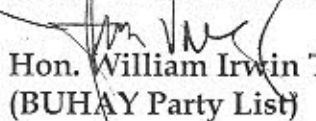
SEC. 12. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 13. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect 15 days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation,

Approved,



Hon. Michael M. Velarde



Hon. William Irwin Tieng
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