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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4890

Introduced by Hon. ANGELO B. PALMONES and Hon. HOMER A. MERCADO

AN ACT
TO INCLUDE ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION IN THE GRADE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL
CURRICULA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Road traffic accidents claim 1.3 million¹ lives worldwide annually and on the average over and 1,000 people under the age of 25 die every day on the road. On the home front, at least 2,000 Filipino children under 14 years old die yearly while on the road and at least 150,000 of the road accident victims that are admitted to hospitals and for emergency care are predominantly child-pedestrians.

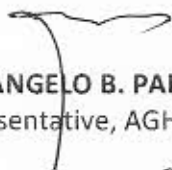
Agencies of government which include the Department of Transportation and Communications, the Department of Public Works and Highways, the Department of Interior and Local Government, the Department of Health, the Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education including the business and the private sector, the media and the academe and other stakeholders have joined forces and formulated the Philippine Road Safety Action Plan 2011-2020 to address the 14.6 % annual growth rate in road accident fatalities. The goal of the Plan is to reduce by 50% the annual growth rate of fatalities from road accidents in the country.

As guardians of the basic needs and protector of their constituencies the House of Representatives must take the lead in ensuring protection to vulnerable road users like

¹ Global status report on road safety

child-pedestrians. This can be achieved by supporting all road safety strategic measures and programs that inculcate in the minds of school children through early basic education to achieve behavioral changes and discipline in road use.

This Act mandates the Department of Education to include road safety education in the basic education curricula for the elementary and high school levels. It also mandates the Department of Transportation and Communication and the Department of Public Works and Highways to address road safety concerns for youthful road users. The importance of this Act cannot be overemphasized and it is urged that the House of Representatives approved it for enactment soonest.



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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 be known as the **Road Safety Education Act of 2011.**

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the State to protect its citizens especially the young from road and traffic accidents and will adopt programs and strategies that will advance this policy through education.

SECTION 3. Road Safety Education in Elementary and High School Curricula – The Department of Education (DepEd) shall include in the curricula for elementary and high school road safety education.

SECTION 4. Road Safety Education by the Department of Transportation and Communication and by the Department of Public Works and Highways – The Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC) and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall address road safety concerns for youthful road users with collaborative programs with the DepEd, provide infrastructures and funding allocations to develop and improve road safety behavior and environment around school zones.

SECTION 5. Implementing rules and regulations – The DepEd in collaboration with the DOTC and the DPWH shall issue within 180 days from the date of approval of this Act, the implementing rules and regulations for this Act.

SECTION 10. Separability clause - Any portion or provision of this Act which may be declared unconstitutional or invalid shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or provisions hereof.

SECTION 11. Repealing Clause. - All other laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. Effectivity Clause - This Act shall take effect immediately after its publication in two (2) Newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.