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HOUSE BILL NO. 5063

Introduced by **Rep. Gabriel Luis R. Quisumbing**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On July 12, 2011, a driver was killed and five other persons were hurt when a passenger bus fell from the Skyway ramp along the South Luzon Expressway (SLEX) in Paranaque City. While, on May 13, 2011, veteran journalist and university professor Lourdes "Chit" Estella Simbulan was killed in a vehicular crash, along Commonwealth Avenue Quezon City. Earlier, on December 2010, Makati City Regional Trial Court Judge Reynaldo Laygo and his wife were killed in a traffic accident also along Commonwealth Avenue, considered as one of the country's deadliest roads due to the frequency of high-speed crashes in the area.

The spate of recent vehicular accidents and the resulting percentage of deaths and injuries is indeed disturbing, if not frightening, and should awaken one's sense of responsibility and concern.

This bill seeks to increase the penalty for the crime of reckless imprudence, to deter violators and instill caution in vehicle operators.

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


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**"AN ACT AGGRAVATING FOR THE CRIME OF RECKLESS IMPRUDENCE
COMMITTED BY AN PERSON"**

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

SECTION 1. *Special Aggravating Circumstance.* – Any person while driving a motor vehicle who shall commit a violation of Reckless Imprudence under Article 365 of the Revised Penal Code shall suffer the following penalties:

- a. When the execution of the act covered by this section results in death of a person, the penalty of *reclusion temporal* shall be imposed;
- b. When the execution of the act covered by this section results in physical injuries, the penalty of *prison mayor* shall be imposed;
- c. When the execution of this act shall results in damage of property, the penalty of *arresto mayor* in its maximum period and a fine equivalent to twice the value of the damages shall be imposed.

SECTION 2. *Repealing Clause.* – Articles 365 of the revised penal code and other laws and parts of laws which are contrary of the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. *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 4. *Effectivity Clause* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved,