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Introduced by Honorable Oscar "Richard" S. Garin, Jr.

**"AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF SINGLE MOTORCYCLES
FOR HIRE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is a prevalent practice, especially in rural areas, that motorcycles are used as modes of conveyances, especially in places where roads are so narrow and incapable of accommodating tricycles and four-wheel-vehicles.

This practice can no longer be stopped and it is but best for this August Body to finally accept that motorcycles can be used as mode of conveyances, but the same should be subjected to strict regulation.

Section 447 (a) (5) (v) of the Local Government Code that grants power upon municipalities to:

(v) Regulate the use of streets, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, parks and other public places and approve the construction, improvement, repair and maintenance of the same; establish bus and vehicle stops and terminals or regulate the use of the same by privately-owned vehicles which serve the public; **regulate** garages and **the operation of conveyances for hire**; designate stands to be occupied by public vehicles when not in use; regulate the putting up of signs, signposts, awnings and awning posts on the streets; and provide for the lighting, cleaning and sprinkling of streets and public places;"

This power, however, is without effect to motorcycles if no national law allows and regulates its operation.

Hence, this bill.


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

SECTION 1. Title. This Act shall be known as Single Motorcycles
For Hire Act of 2013.

SEC 2. Limitations. Single seat motorcycles are henceforth
authorized to be common carriers under the following restrictions:

- a. Only four stroke motorcycles shall be allowed to be registered as public utility motorcycles.
- b. The maximum passengers allowed to be transported at any single occasion by a single seat motorcycle for hire shall be two (2).
- c. The maximum cargo allowed to be transported at any single occasion by a single seat motorcycle for hire shall be one hundred fifty (150) kilograms. Provided further, that should such motorcycle be carrying any passenger, only the hand carried cargo of such passenger shall be transported to the exclusion of other cargos.
- d. The route plied by these single motorcycles for hire shall be limited to such areas outside of the regular routes of tricycles for hire, public utility jeepneys and buses, taxis and the like.
- e. The single seat motorcycle for hire shall be covered by insurance in the same manner as tricycles for hire.

SEC 3. Par. 7 (b) of Republic Act 4136, as amended is hereby amended to read as follows:

“b. For Hire – Motor vehicles registered under this classification are those covered by certificates of public convenience, or special permits issued by the Board of Transportation, and, in the case of single motorcycles for hire, a franchise issued by the appropriate Local Government Unit, and shall be subject to the provisions of the Public Service Act and the rules and regulations issued thereunder, as well as the provisions of this Act.”

SEC 4. Section 447 (3) (vi) of the Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code is hereby amended to read, as follows:

“(vi) Subject to the guidelines prescribed by the Department of Transportation and Communications, regulate the operation of tricycles and single motorcycles for hire and grant franchises for the operation thereof within the territorial jurisdiction of the municipality;

SEC 5. In the event that insurance companies, for justifiable reasons, refuse to cover the passenger risk of a single seat motorcycle for hire, the owner or operator thereof shall make a cash deposit, in such amount as may be determined by the Head of Office of the Land Transportation Office, with the appropriate Regional Office of the Land Transportation Office pursuant to the pertinent provision of Chapter VI of the Insurance Code.

SEC 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* – Within sixty (60) days from approval hereof, the Department of Transportation and Communication, through the Land Transportation Office, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC 7. *Repealing Clause* – All laws, issuances or any party thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC 8. *Effectivity* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,