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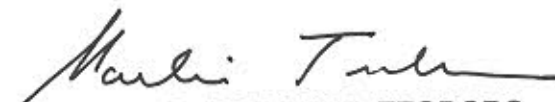
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposal aims to provide a compulsory psycho-technical driver assessment test. The test involves an assessment of both a driver's cognitive and motor skills as well as psychiatric fitness to drive. Similar psycho-technical assessment systems are used mainly in countries with many traffic accidents such as Italy and Spain.

Primarily, the psycho-technical assessment test would ensure the improvement of traffic safety. Indeed, professional drivers, and those drivers dealing with dangerous vehicles must be assessed to guarantee the public that they possess the necessary knowledge demanded by their work or job. In addition, the test will help assess the driving ability of some patients with early forms of Alzheimer's disease, with trauma, with visual impairment, stroke patients, and even elderly drivers.

It must be brought into mind that according to some reports on the prevention of road-traffic injuries, more than 4,000 people die each year at a cost of at least \$894 million, or 1.2% of the Philippines' Gross Domestic Product. In addition, it is acknowledged that road accidents are growing to be the leading cause of mortality among Filipinos.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is hereby sought.


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AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 22 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136 OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE, TO PROVIDE
FOR COMPULSORY PSYCHO-TECHNICAL DRIVER ASSESSMENT TESTS

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

SECTION 1. Section 22 of Republic Act No. 4136, otherwise known as the Land
Transportation and Traffic Code, shall be amended to read as follows:

SEC. 22. *Driver's License, Fees, Examination.* - Every person who desires to
operate any motor vehicle shall file an application to the Director or his deputies
for a license to drive motor vehicles: *Provided*, however, that no person shall be
issued a professional driver's license who is suffering from contagious diseases
such as tuberculosis, sexually transmitted diseases and epilepsy or who is an
alcohol or drug addict or dependent, AND WHO HAS NOT PASSED THE
PSYCHO-TECHNICAL DRIVER ASSESSMENT TESTS ADMINISTERED BY
OFFICIAL PSYCHOLOGISTS AND/OR PSYCHOMETRICIANS OF THE LAND
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE.

SEC. 2. *Psycho-technical Driver Assessment Tests.* - The psycho-technical driver
assessment tests shall comprise of three (3) series of psychological exams that will
measure a driver's - (a) cognitive and motor skills, (b) psychiatric fitness to drive, and (c)
temperamental quotient.

SEC. 3. *Guidelines.* - Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
Land Transportation Office shall promulgate and issue such guidelines as are necessary
to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. *Appropriations.* - To carry out the provisions of this Act, such amount as may
be necessary is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the National Treasury.

SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* - If any provisions or part hereof, is declared invalid or
unconstitutional, the remainder of the law not otherwise affected shall remain valid and
subsisting.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order,
letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent
with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,