

Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
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HOUSE BILL NO **3377**



Introduced by Representative ENRIQUE "Henry" M. COJUANGCO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines has 7 controlled access freeways - North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), South Luzon Expressway (SLEX), Metro Manila Skyway (SKYWAY), Subic Clark Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), Southern Tagalog Arterial Road (STAR), Bataan Provincial Expressway and the Manila Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX). Most of the controlled access highways or commonly known as tollways were constructed to give motorists better and quicker access to Metropolitan Manila. Others were constructed to shorten the travel time of motorists like the SCTEX when going north. The government after seeing the benefits of having a controlled access highway, has constructed more access highways like the Tarlac-Pangasinan-LaUnion tollway (TPLEX) and the NLEX connecting to SLEX Highway. The traffic management and road safety rules for the said highways are contained in the Land Transportation Code of the Philippines or Republic Act 4136. This Code was passed in 1964 and was only modified thru the passage of Presidential Decree No. 207 which adopted the road safety and traffic rules from the 1968 Vienna Convention. With the passage of the Administrative Code of the Philippines, LGUs and other government agencies were created that also handled and implemented additional rules and regulations regarding road safety and traffic management.

These laws however are not updated. It does not include in its classification the class of a controlled access freeways or highway and it does not specify the allowable speed limit for such class of roads. With no uniform regulations specified under the present law, the use of the said roads is not maximized. The government has spent billions of pesos in the construction of these roads with the goal of giving a better service to the growing number of motorists but in order to attain this goal, present regulations should be updated. It is the aim of this bill to update the present rules and regulations on road safety and traffic management by including freeways or controlled access highways in the classification of roads and set a uniform speed. Likewise, this bill will give all the government agencies and its partners companies, operating such highways, a clear and uniform rule to follow. On the other hand, motorists, with the correct speed limit regulation, will be safer and will get their money's worth and be able maximize the use of the toll ways.

The immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT SETTING A SPEED LIMIT FOR FREEWAYS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THEREOF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136
SUBSECTION (b).

Section 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY- It is hereby declared the policy of the State to secure and safeguard the safety of its people particularly its motorists. Towards this end, the State shall adopt new traffic rules on speed limit that will ensure that all the facilities and infrastructures available to them may be used to its maximum but at the same time minimize the incidence of road accidents.

Section 2. DEFINITION OF TERM- For the purpose of implementing this Act the following term shall be defined as:

Freeway- highway designed exclusively for high-speed vehicular traffic, with all traffic flow and ingress/egress regulated whether by the government agency or private entity granted by the government contract to operate such highway.

Section 3- Section 35 of Republic Act No. 4136 Subsection (b) is hereby amended and shall include:

(b) Subject to the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the rate of speed of any motor vehicle shall not exceed the following:

<i>MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE SPEEDS</i>	<i>Passengers Cars and Motorcycle</i>	<i>Motor trucks and buses</i>
<i>1. On open country roads, with no "blinds corners" not closely bordered by habitations.</i>	<i>80 km. per hour</i>	<i>50 km. per hour</i>
<i>2. On "through streets" or boulevards, clear of traffic, with no "blind corners," when so designated.</i>	<i>40 km. per hour</i>	<i>30 km. per hour</i>
<i>3. On city and municipal streets, with light traffic, when not designated "through streets".</i>	<i>30 km. per hour</i>	<i>30 km. per hour</i>
<i>4. Through crowded streets, approaching intersections at "blind corners," passing school zones, passing other vehicles which are stationery, or for similar dangerous circumstances.</i>	<i>20 km. per hour</i>	<i>20 km. per hour</i>
<i>5. Freeway or highway designed exclusively for high-speed vehicular traffic, with all traffic flow and ingress/egress regulated whether by the government agency or private entity granted by the government contract to operate such highway</i>	<i>130 km. per hour</i>	<i>110 km. per hour</i>

Section 4. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 5. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved, .