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HOUSE BILL NO. 6463

Introduced by Congressman Alfredo D. Vargas III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Road accident is one of the leading causes of deaths in the Philippines. According to the Philippine National Police Highway Patrol Group, the number of road accidents in the country is going up every year due to "human errors and lack of road discipline" such as overspeeding, drunk driving, use of cellular phone while driving, bad overtaking, bad turning, mechanical defects and poor maintenance of vehicles.

In a study conducted by the Institute of Advanced Motorists, it is found out that motorists aged 16 to 19 are most prone to road accidents that result in fatalities. This may be due to their lack of knowledge and experience in driving.

The State values life and so shall promote road safety to prevent accidents. This bill seeks to penalize automobile owners or operators who knowingly allow their vehicles to be driven by a person who does not have a valid driver's license. Through this, we are keeping irresponsible drivers out of our roads and, in a way, ensure the safety of other drivers and pedestrians.

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


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AN ACT
PROHIBITING A PERSON FROM KNOWINGLY PERMITTING A MOTOR VEHICLE
OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY HIM TO BE DRIVEN BY A PERSON WHO IS NOT
AUTHORIZED TO DRIVE UNDER THE LAW

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

Section 1. **Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as “Motor Vehicle Safety Act.”

Section 2. **Prohibition.** – A person may not knowingly permit a motor vehicle owned or controlled by him/her to be driven upon any street, road or highway by a person who does not have a valid driver’s license issued by the Land Transportation Office.

Section 3. **Exceptions.** – This Act shall not apply to a person or corporation duly licensed to engage in a driving school business.

Section 4. **Penalties.** – (a) Any person who shall violate any provision of Section 3 of this Act shall upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not less than One thousand pesos (₱1,000.00) but not more than Ten Thousand Pesos (₱10,000.00) or imprisonment of not less than one month but not more than six months, or both upon the discretion of the court.

(b) Any director, officer or agent of a corporation who shall authorize, order or perform any of the acts or practices constituting in whole or in part a violation of Section 2, shall be subject to penalties to which that corporation may be subject.

(c) In case the violation is committed by, or in the interest of a foreign juridical person duly licensed to engage in business in the Philippines, such license to engage in business in the Philippines shall immediately be revoked.

Section 5. ***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 6. ***Repealing Clause.*** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulatory contrary to, or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

Section 7. ***Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,