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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 6491



Introduced by Congressman Alfredo D. Vargas III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Driving on old car tires can be very dangerous. Aging plays a role in the degradation of the tire's structure. Over time, the rubber in tires dries out and becomes less elastic. This may lead to cracking which can eventually cause the steel belts in the tire tread to separate from the rest of the tire. When this happens, the tire can fall apart while the vehicle is moving and can lead to deathly road accidents.

One example of a catastrophic road incident caused by old tires is the death of Hollywood actor, Paul Walker. In the investigation, it is revealed that the Porsche Carrera GT that he was driving had nine-year old tires. The California Highway Patrol reported that the tires' age may have compromised the car's drivability and handling characteristics.

Thus, it is important that consumers are informed about the age of the tires that they are buying and the potential dangers of using old tires.

This bill seeks to prohibit the sale of tires older than six years. It also directs all tire sellers, vendors, and distributors to provide a written statement of the date of manufacture of the tires being sold and to post the dangers of aged tires at their stores.

The State values life and so shall promote road safety to prevent accidents. Through this initiative, we are helping ensure the safety of all motorists and pedestrians.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is urged.


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AN ACT

**PROHIBITING THE SALE OF TIRES AGED OVER SIX YEARS AND REQUIRING THE
STATING OF MANUFACTURE DATE, AND THE MANDATORY POSTING OF THE
DANGERS OF AGED TIRES AT THE POINT OF SALE**

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Old Tires Sales Prohibition Act.”

SECTION 2. *Tire Safety Prohibition.* – The sale of tires older than six years, for use on
vehicles driven in the highways and roadways of the country, is prohibited.

SECTION 3. *Information Requirement.* – All sellers, vendors, distributors of tires shall
provide a written statement of the date of manufacture of the tires being sold.

SECTION 4. *Required Warning.* – Each retailer, wholesaler and distributor of tires
shall, at the place of sale, post in a conspicuous location, in letters at least two inches tall, a
statement that indicates the dangers of aged tires. The statement shall be printed as
follows:

“WARNING : AGED TIRES CAN FAIL IN USE, CAUSING LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL,
AND PERSONAL INJURY. TIRES DETERIORATE WITH AGE, EVEN WITH LITTLE OR
NO USE. TIRES OLDER THAN SIX YEARS MAY NOT BE SOLD OR MOUNTED FOR USE
IN VEHICLES OPERATED IN THE HIGHWAYS AND ROADWAYS OF THE
PHILIPPINES.”

SECTION 5. – *Penalties.* – Any person who shall violate the provisions of this Act
shall upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not less than Ten Thousand Pesos
(P10,000.00) but not more than Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) or imprisonment of not
less than two (2) months but not more than one (1) year, or both upon the discretion of the
court.

SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders and issuances, or portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,