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HOUSE BILL NO. **4977**



Introduced by Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill contemplates on designating a duly marked emergency lane in major urban thoroughfares in order to automate road emergency response and prevent the occurrence of road accidents. When people are conditioned to respond in the desired manner – as spontaneously giving way to a speeding ambulance at the sound of a siren, for instance – mishaps are less likely to occur.

The designation of a duly marked emergency lane will ensure that firemen, emergency medical crew and law enforcers are able to respond to emergency in an efficient fashion. This will save thousands of lives and prevent emergencies from becoming disasters.

Hence, the immediate passage of this proposed measure is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
DESIGNATING A DULY MARKED EMERGENCY LANE IN URBAN THOROUGHFARES AND
PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Emergency Lane Act."

SEC 2. There is hereby designated a duly marked emergency lane in urban main roads to accommodate fire trucks, ambulances, police cars and rescue patrols during emergencies.

SEC. 3. In case of emergency, the emergency lane shall exclusively be used by officially responding vehicles that shall set off their siren to signal their presence.

SEC. 4. Vehicles caught in the emergency lane during emergency shall henceforth give way to the officially responding vehicles.

SEC 5. Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this Act shall pay a fine of Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00) for the first offense; a fine of Fifteen Thousand Pesos (P15,000.00) for the second offense; and a fine of Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00) and revocation of driver's license for the third offense.

SEC. 6. The Department of Transportation (DOTr), in coordination with Local Government Units (LGUs) shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 7. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed accordingly.

SEC 8. This Act shall take effect thirty (30) days upon publication in the Official Gazette and in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,