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HOUSE BILL NO. **5135**



Introduced by Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to put a stop to the nefarious practice of some motorists fleeing the scene of the accident after having hit pedestrians to escape responsibility and prosecution. The first impulse of anyone who has hit a pedestrian should be to immediately stop and attend to the victim and face his or her responsibility and not to leave him or her for dead. Flight is a reprehensible option and should be dealt with to the full extent of the law. Speeding motorists hitting pedestrians should be conditioned to automatically stop in order to make every effort to save their victims. It is their moral duty.

Hence, those who flee from the accident scene should be meted out a more severe penalty in order to stem the rising tide of hit-and-run accidents.

The immediate passage of this proposed measure is earnestly sought.

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WINNIE CASTELO

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AN ACT
IMPOSING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR PERSONS FLEEING FROM ACCIDENT SCENES
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 "Anti-Hit-and-Run Act."

SEC 2. A driver of any kind of motor vehicle found to have hit a pedestrian and fled from the accident scene shall be penalized as follows:

- (a) If the accident did not result in physical injuries or homicide, the penalty of a fine ranging from Thirty thousand pesos (P30,000.00) to Ninety thousand pesos (P90,000.00) and imprisonment for a period of three (3) months.
- (b) If the accident resulted in physical injuries, the penalty provided in Article 253 of the Revised Penal Code or the penalty provided in the next preceding subparagraph, whichever is higher, and a fine ranging from One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00) to Two Hundred Thousand pesos (P200,000.00) shall be imposed.
- (c) If the accident resulted in homicide, the penalty provided in Article 249 of the Revised Penal Code and a fine ranging from Three Hundred Thousand pesos (P300,000.00) to Five Hundred Thousand pesos (P500,000.00) shall be imposed; and
- (d) The nonprofessional driver's license of any person found to have violated the provision of this Act shall also be suspended for a period of twelve (12) months for the first conviction and perpetually revoked for the second conviction. The professional driver's license of any person found to have violated the provision of this Act shall also be perpetually revoked for the first conviction. The perpetual revocation of a driver's license shall disqualify the person from being granted any kind of driver's license thereafter.

SEC. 3. The Department of Transportation (DOTr) shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed accordingly.

SEC 5. 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,