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House Bill No. **5244**



Introduced by **HON. ROZZANO RUFINO B. BIAZON**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposal seeks to further make Philippine roads safer by amending Republic Act No. 10913 (RA 10913) otherwise known as the "Anti-Distracted Driving Act".

Aside from the enforcement and implementation of traffic laws, there was also a gap in these laws that needed to be addressed in order to make our roads safer. Thus, the passage of RA 10913 was very laudable as it addresses this gap by reducing the risks of drivers getting involved in accidents. It was also very timely due to the advent of modern technology devices that distract the attention of drivers from the road.

It has been barely a year since the passage of RA 10913 but it has already been observed that it needs more teeth in order to be more effective in preventing road accidents. Aside from what is already included in the law, there is a need to include the use of other devices which may also distract drivers.

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


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AN ACT
TO FURTHER MAKE PHILIPPINE ROADS SAFER, AMENDING FOR THIS
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10913 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ANTI-
DISTRACTED DRIVING ACT"

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

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 10913 is hereby amended by inserting two new paragraphs after Paragraph b which shall read as follows:

"(C) USING A DEVICE WHICH IMPEDES THE ABILITY OF THE DRIVER TO HEAR AMBIENT SOUNDS OR NOISE SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, EARPHONES, HEADPHONES, EAR MUFFS OR SUCH OTHER SIMILAR DEVICES.

"(D) USING OR HOLDING ANY OTHER DEVICE OR OBJECT WHICH LIMITS OR PREVENTS THE USE OF THE SENSE OF SIGHT OR HEARING AND THE USE OF ONE OR BOTH HANDS OR FEET IN OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE."

Sec. 2. *Separability Clause.* – If for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other sections or provisions hereof, unaffected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Sec. 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders and rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Sec. 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,