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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. **5334**



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to make it mandatory and not merely optional for emergency vehicles throughout the country to be installed with dashboard cameras for use in their everyday routes.

The importance of Dashboard Cameras has grown in recent years due to its functionality in recording and in turn, the increased prevention on issues such as corruption and fraud. It also holds value on the fact that it records possible accidents and if left recording while away from the car, the possibility of seeing damages done to the car whether accidental or intentional.

The proposal seeks not only to safeguard the emergency vehicles and its personnel; it can also be used to gauge the personnel's professionalism and performance, used for or against complaints against the personnel's practices, for use on public opinion, for training, and for the overall security of all concerned whether the personnel or the civilians they serve.

It is my belief that this bill in its entirety aims to hold value beyond the obvious uses that the dashboard camera and the accompanying technology that comes with it provides, it is thru these bills where we aim towards the end goal which is to help the people in every possible way we can as legislators duly elected by the people.

The urgent passing of this bill is thus earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
REQUIRING ALL EMERGENCY VEHICLES TO BE EQUIPPED WITH DASHBOARD
CAMERAS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DRIVER AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS AND
GROUPS INVOLVED APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

Section 1. Title. - This act shall be known as the "Dashboard Cameras equipped Emergency Vehicles Bill of 2017"

Section 2. Declaration Policy. – It is the policy of the State to safeguard our roads for use of any and all drivers. It is also the policy of the State to create a safer environment for our emergency responders while also providing the same environment for all the drivers in general when it comes to emergency vehicles acting on official business.

Section 3. Definition of Terms. – The following terms shall mean:

- a) Dashboard Cameras – is an onboard camera that continuously records the view through a vehicle's windscreen.
- b) Driver – shall mean any and all licensed operator of a motor vehicle.
- c) Emergency Vehicles – shall include but not limited to all ambulances, police vehicles, and fire department vehicles.

Section 4. Dashboard Cameras required in all emergency vehicles. – A dashboard camera provides for a great investment, due to it being very cost-effective and has a very straightforward design that typically consists of a microphone and a fixed-lens digital camera. Dashboard Cameras provide continuous recording thereby providing safeguards against corruption and fraud, where they are used to gather evidences in situations like traffic stops, road blockings or during accidents all in real-time as to how it happened.

Section 5. Separability Clause. - Should any provision of this Act be subsequently declared as unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity or the legality of the other provisions.

Section 6. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, other issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,