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EXPLANATORY NOTE

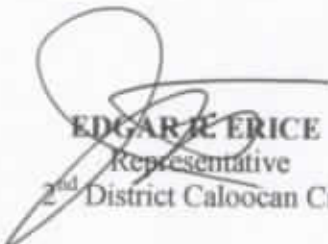
Traffic signs are devices placed along, beside, or above a highway, roadway, pathway, or other route to guide, warn, and regulate the flow of traffic, including motor vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, equestrians, and other travellers to insure safety on the roads.

Signs should be placed only when warranted by facts and engineering studies. Signs that are unwarranted or ineffective may distract road users from more important traffic control devices, may breed disrespect for all signs in the area, and are often a waste of valuable public agency and taxpayers' resources.

As signatory to the Vienna Convention on Road Signs and Signals, commonly known as the Vienna Convention on Road Signs and Signals, the Philippines must increase the road safety and aid international road traffic by standardising the signing system for road traffic (road signs, traffic lights and road markings) in accordance with the international standard.

Signs should be placed as necessary for safety and proper regulation of traffic. However, the use of dissimilar signs in a given location may reduce the effectiveness of all the signs and may even cause accidents.

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


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AN ACT
CREATING A UNIFORM DESIGN OF ROAD SIGNS AND TRAFFIC SYMBOLS
ALL THROUGH OUT THE COUNTRY

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

SECTION 1. *State Policy.* The Constitution states that the promotion of the general welfare is essential for the enjoyment by all the people and adopts the following policies:

- a) The State shall protect the welfare and safety of the commuting public and all road users;
- b) The State shall ensure that the needs and safety of all road users.

SECTION 2. *Uniform Road Signs and Traffic Symbols.* The letters, font size, background, type of material of the sign/symbol, location, placement and operation of all traffic control signal devices on the different roads of the Philippines should be uniform as determined by the Department of Transportation.

SECTION 3. *Funding.* The budgetary allocation needed to carry out the provisions of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated in the General Appropriations Act of the year immediately following its enactment into law.

SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,