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EXPLANATORY NOTE

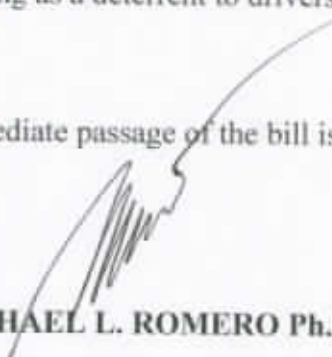
Traffic has always been a major problem in the country. It is estimated that billions of pesos in trade alone, are wasted on a daily basis by reason of the terrible traffic condition plaguing our country. That is not considering the unnecessary rage because of the inconvenience of a bumper to bumper traffic flow.

It is opined that the major causes of our traffic condition are the drivers who lack the necessary discipline and conduct that result in numerous violations that remain unpunished, as well as the poor implementation by the law enforcement agencies of the traffic rules and regulations.

Moreover, traffic violations often results to accidents that would further aggravate the traffic conditions if not settled immediately, to the detriment of all the riding public.

It is submitted that the foregoing may be addressed if circumstances attending while driving on the road are recorded by dashboard cameras. This will serve as evidence of any violation which would be readily available to the State for the purpose of prosecuting traffic violations, thereby serving as a deterrent to drivers from committing violation of traffic rules and regulation.

Immediate passage of the bill is therefore respectfully sought.



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**AN ACT
REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF DASHBOARD CAMERAS ON
MOTOR VEHICLES**

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

Section 1. Title - This bill shall be known as the “**Dashboard Camera Act of the Philippines**”

Section 2. Definition of Term :

- a) Vehicle shall mean any vehicle propelled by any power other than muscular power using the public highways, but excepting road rollers, trolley cars, street-sweepers, sprinklers, lawn mowers, bulldozers, graders, fork-lifts, amphibian trucks, and cranes if not used on public highways, vehicles which run only on rails or tracks, and tractors, trailers and traction engines of all kinds used exclusively for agricultural purposes.
- b) Dashboard camera shall mean an onboard camera that continuously records the view through a vehicle's windscreen, which may be attached to the interior windscreen or to the top of the dashboard, by suction cup or adhesive-tape mount.

Section 3. Installation of dashboard camera or similar equipment - All vehicles shall, as a precondition for their registration or renewal thereof with the Land Transportation Office, install a dashboard camera, or any other similar equipment, that would capture the driving

activity on the road by the driver. Any vehicle that has no dashboard camera shall be denied registration by the Land Transportation Office.

Section 4. Prohibition to use any vehicle without dash camera or similar equipment -

It shall be unlawful for any person to use or drive any vehicle along any highway, road or street without the dash camera or similar equipment required in Section 2 of this Act. It shall be the responsibility of the registered owner of the motor vehicle to ensure that the vehicle registered under his name is installed with dash camera or similar equipment in compliance with this Act.

Section 5. Submission of recording when there is legitimate request - The owner of any vehicle shall submit to the pertinent law, enforcement agency or office the recording of the dashboard camera installed on the vehicle when requested to do so in connection with any case or legitimate investigation conducted wherein the said recording is relevant to such investigation, provided that no request to submit the said recording shall be made for the purpose of harassing the registered owner or driver of the vehicle.

Section 6. Penalty - Any public officer or government employee who caused or allowed the registration of motor vehicles in violation the provision of Section 2 above shall be punished with imprisonment of not less than 2 years to not more than 3 years of imprisonment or fine in the amount of not less than Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00) or both at the discretion of the court;

Any person who violates Section 3 and Section 4 of this Act shall be punished as follows:

For the first infraction, the violator shall be punished with a fine of not less than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) and 30 days suspension of license;

For the second infraction, the violator shall be punished with a fine of not less than Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00) and 6 months suspension of license;

For the third infraction, the violator shall be punished with a fine of not less than Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00) and 1 year suspension of license;

Section 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations - Within 1 year from the effectivity of this Act, the Land Transportation Office and the Land Transportation Franchising and

Regulatory Board, shall, in consultation with the government, promulgated the implementing rules and regulations of this Act.

Section 8. Repealing Clause - All laws, presidential decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulation and any part thereof inconsistent, which are inconsistent with the provisions of the Act are hereby amended or modified accordingly.

Section 9. Effectivity - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,