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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the policy of the State to ensure the safety of every citizen in the transportation, and to ensure that they arrive at their destinations on time and without any unnecessary delays.

The TOLLROADS/EXPRESSWAYS currently comprised of the *North Luzon Expressway* (NLEX), *South Luzon Expressway* (SLEX), *Metro Manila Skyway* (SKYWAY), *Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway* (SCTEX), *Tarlac-Pangasinan-La Union Expressway* (TPLEX), *Southern Tagalog Arterial Road Tollway* (STAR Toll), and the *Manila-Cavite Expressway* (CAVITEX) are all designed to allow vehicles to travel at faster speed as compared to City and Country Roads.

This is evidenced by the fact that road quality in these TOLLROADS/EXPRESSWAYS are set at a higher standard than other road networks. Additionally, motorcycles with engine displacement lower than 400cc are not allowed to enter TOLLROADS/EXPRESSWAYS.

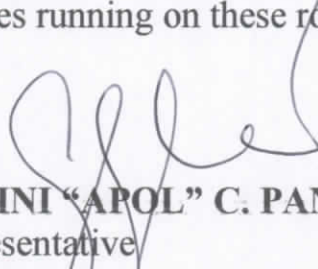
The current law which set limits as to speed of vehicles on road was established in 1964, and there have been no significant changes thereto since that time. Nevertheless, this law does not even specify speed limits on TOLLROADS/EXPRESSWAYS.

On the other hand, the safety features of vehicles for the past fifty (50) years have greatly been enhanced, and these modern vehicles that are currently running in TOLLROADS/EXPRESSWAYS are more than capable of

exceeding the 100km/h limit set by current regulations. Nevertheless, a speed limit must also be set within the TOLLROADS/EXPRESSWAYS in order to ensure the safety of the public using these facilities.

Laws, statutes, and regulations must change with the times, as several factors may have not been considered or made available during the times they were enacted or issued.

Thus, in order to maximize the use of TOLLROADS/EXPRESSWAYS and vehicles owned by the people living and sojourning in the Philippines where these TOLLROADS/EXPRESSWAYS are available, it is imperative to finally set and/or increase the speed limit of vehicles running on these roads.



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**AN ACT FOR SETTING 130 KILOMETER PER HOUR AS THE
MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT FOR VEHICLES RUNNING ON
TOLLROADS/EXPRESSWAYS IN THE PHILIPPINES.**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title – This Act Shall be known as the “AN ACT
FOR SETTING 130 KILOMETER PER HOUR AS THE MAXIMUM SPEED
LIMIT FOR VEHICLES RUNNING ON TOLLROADS/EXPRESSWAYS IN
THE PHILIPPINES..”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy –It is hereby declared that it is the
policy of the State to:

- (a) Promote the safety and wellbeing of the motoring/riding public
while driving/using in TOLLROADS/EXPRESSWAYS;
- (b) Promote a balance of the maximum and safe allowable usage of
vehicles and TOLLROAD/EXPRESSWAY facilities we have
available in the Philippines; and

- (c) Promote well manage TOLLROADS/EXPRESSWAYS which would allow the motoring public to arrive at their destination on time, and without unnecessary delays.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. – For purpose of this Act the following terms are hereby defined as:

- (a) **TOLLROADS/EXPRESSWAYS** – shall refer to ALL controlled-access highway designed for high-speed vehicular traffic, with all traffic flow and ingress/egress regulated.

The term shall include the *North Luzon Expressway* (NLEX), *South Luzon Expressway* (SLEX), *Metro Manila Skyway* (Skyway), *Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway* (SCTEX), *Tarlac-Pangasinan-La Union Expressway* (TPLEX), *Southern Tagalog Arterial Road Tollway* (STAR Toll), *Manila-Cavite Expressway* (CAVITEX), and ALL OTHER controlled-access highway facility which may be constructed and/or operated within the territorial jurisdiction of the Philippines.

- (b) **Passenger Cars** – shall mean all vehicles of types similar to those usually known under the following terms: touring car, command car, speedster, sports car, roadster, jeep, cycle, car (except motor wheel and similar small outfits which are classified with motorcycles), coupe, landaulet, closed car, limousine, cabriolet, *sports utility vehicles* (SUV), and sedan.

Motor vehicles with changed or rebuilt bodies, such as jeepneys, jitneys, or station wagons, using a chassis of the usual passenger automobile type, shall also be classified as passenger automobile, if their net allowable carrying capacity, as determined by the Land Transportation Office (LTO), *does not exceed the limits allowable under existing regulations*, and if they are not used primarily for carrying freight or merchandise.

SECTION 4. Maximum allowable speed on TOLLROADS/EXPRESSWAYS. – The maximum allowable speed for vehicles running on controlled-access highways shall be as follows:

- a) *120 kilometer per hour* - for passenger cars and motorcycles; and
- b) *100 kilometer per hour* - for motor trucks and busses.

SECTION 5. Separability Clause. If for any reason, any provision of part hereof is declared invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. Repealing Clause. –Any provision of the law, presidential decree, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. Effectivity –This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved.