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EXPLANATORY NOTE

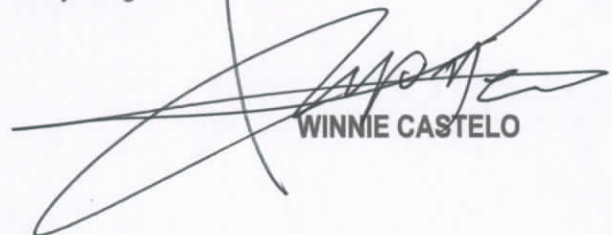
To date, there is no comprehensive and reliable national database of road crashes resulting in death; injury, fatal or non-fatal; and damage to property. In truth, the problem is so serious and alarming. Statistics show that for road deaths alone, 53% accounts for motorcycle riders, 19% for pedestrians, 14% for 4-wheeled vehicle drivers, 11% for 4-wheeled vehicle passengers, and 2% for cyclists.

The PNP-Highway Patrol reported an alarming increase across the country from 15,572 vehicular accidents resulting in 1,252 deaths in 2014 to 24,565 accidents that resulted in 1,040 deaths in 2015. Then in just the first four months of 2016 alone, there had been 10,656 vehicular accidents resulting in 549 deaths across the country.

It therefore becomes incumbent upon policymakers to propose the establishment and management of a Traffic Accident Recording and Analysis System such as the one discontinued in 2013. It cannot be overemphasized that such a road crash database system is useful tool for a safer road environment in crafting new policies, carving new measures or procedures, and to achieve the overall aim of significant reduction in road crash incidents that take so many lives, injure so many limbs, and damage countless properties.

Such road crash data or information is deemed very vital but such data sets should be properly disaggregated and accurately recorded so it may serve various purposes especially those intended to plan and effect countermeasures to prevent if not reduce remarkably all incidents of road crashes in the country.

The early approval of this urgent bill is therefore most earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT RECORDING AND ANALYSIS SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the 'Traffic Accident Recording and Analysis System Act.'

SEC. 2. There shall be established a Traffic Accident Recording and Analysis System designed in such a way as to be comprehensive, accurate, reliable, and a national data base on road crashes in the country.

Provided Further That, it shall serve as a standardized practice on how to accurately record road crash information, how disaggregated the recorded data should be and the quality of datasets shall not differ from one agency to another for easy and systematic cross-checking of information.

SEC. 3. The Philippine National Police – Highway Patrol Group in coordination with the Department of Transportation – Land Transportation Office and the Metro Manila Development Authority shall issue appropriate rules, regulations and guidelines to properly carry out the provisions of this Act.

Provided Further That, the system shall effect a uniform and standardized practice or procedure in recording road crashes in consideration of disaggregated data useful in the reporting and recording of such road crashes for various purposes.

SEC. 4. The Department of Budget and Management shall allocate the necessary funds required for the effective implementation of this Act and such appropriation shall take effect every year thereafter.

SEC. 5. This Act shall three (3) months upon its approval, its publication in the Official Gazette, and in at least three (3) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,