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EXPLANATORY NOTE

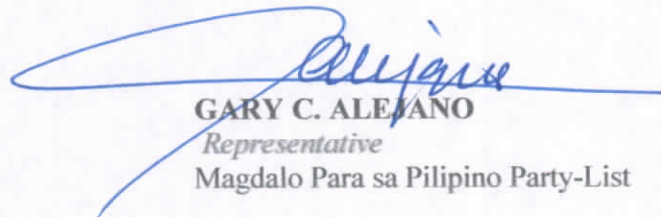
Standard headlamps or headlights provide visibility during night or in dimly lit environments, the importance of which cannot be understated since road accidents usually happen during these circumstances.

There is, however, a growing trend among owners of motor vehicles to customize their headlights with High-Intensity Discharge headlamps or as they are popularly known, "xenon headlights." These headlights are supposed to help drivers see the road better at night, but the hazards that it entail far outweigh the benefits. HID headlamps emit a glare so intense it distracts and in some cases, temporarily blinds an incoming driver.

A professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Rochester's Flaum Eye Institute has said that the glare from such headlights can make it harder for the eyes to focus. The bright illumination can ultimately be disabling. Moreover, drivers may find it hard to gauge the distance between vehicles on dark roads when HID's are used as taillights.

As such, under this Act, Government shall aim to reduce traffic accidents and improve the overall safety and convenience of our motorists by prohibiting the use or installation of headlights classified as HID or xenon headlamps and imposing harsher penalties for such use or installation.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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1 **AN ACT**
2 **PROHIBITING THE USE AND INSTALLATION OF BRIGHT WHITE HEADLIGHTS**
3 **OR HEADLAMPS CLASSIFIED AS HIGH INTENSITY DISCHARGE (HID)**
4 **HEADLAMPS IN MOTOR VEHICLES**
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6 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress*
7 *assembled,*
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9 **SECTION 1. Short Title.**—This Act shall be known as the “Anti-High Intensity Discharge
10 Headlamps Act.”
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12 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.**—It is hereby declared the policy of the State to ensure
13 traffic safety and protect the lives of drivers and pedestrians by banning the use of high intensity
14 discharge headlamps.
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16 **SEC. 3. Definitions.**—For the purposes of this Act:
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18 **Headlamp and/or Headlight**—is a lamp attached to the front of a vehicle to
19 illuminate the road ahead during periods of low visibility, darkness, or precipitation and the
20 light emitted by the same. For the purposes of this Act, headlamp and headlight shall be
21 given the same meaning.
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23 **High intensity discharge (HID) headlamp**, sometimes called “xenon headlights,” is
24 a headlamp or headlight that produces HID light through an electric arc from metallic salt.
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26 **SEC. 4. Prohibition.**—The use or installation of High Intensity Discharge (HID) headlamp
27 or headlights in a motor vehicle, or the selling of a motor vehicle fitted with the same shall be
28 prohibited.
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1 **SEC. 5. Penalties.**—Any person or entity selling motor vehicles in violation of this Act
2 shall be fined with one hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) for every sale of a vehicle fitted with
3 the headlamp prohibited under section 4 of this Act. The registered car owner and the person
4 driving a motor vehicle installed with or using the prohibited HID headlamp shall each be fined
5 with ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) for every violation of this Act.
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7 **SEC. 6. Implementing Agency.**—The Land Transportation Office (LTO) shall be the main
8 implementing agency of this Act.
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10 **SEC. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations**—The Land Transportation Office shall
11 formulate the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of the provisions of this Act.
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13 **SEC. 8. Separability Clause.**—If any section or provision of this Act shall be held
14 unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions not otherwise affected shall remain
15 valid.

16 **SEC. 9. Repealing Clause.**—Any law, presidential decree, executive issuances, rules and
17 regulations, administrative order inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed, revoked or modified
18 accordingly.
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20 **SEC. 10. Effectivity**—This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication
21 in the Official Gazette and at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,