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HOUSE BILL NO. 8193

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to the Association for Safe International Road Travel, nearly 1.3 million people die in road crashes every year, on average 3,287 deaths a day. An additional 20 to 50 million are injured or disabled. More than half of all road traffic deaths occur among young adults ages 15-44. Road traffic crashes rank as the 9th leading cause of death and account for 2.2% of all deaths globally.¹

On the home front, latest data from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) show that 10,012 Filipinos died due to road crashes in 2015 – a 45.76% increase from 6,869 deaths recorded in 2006. Since 2010 the number of road crash deaths has never dipped below 8,000. The year with the most number of road crash-related deaths is 2015 with 10,012 people killed. This is 1.79% of the 560,605 total deaths recorded by the PSA that year.

These figures are so alarming they call for immediate countermeasures in order to curb road crashes in the land. The creation of a road safety board responsible for synthesizing all these countermeasures is the best place to start.

The immediate passage of this urgent measure is thus prayed for.



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¹ <http://asirt.org/initiatives/informing-road-users/road-safety-facts/road-crash-statistics> viewed on May 23, 2018.

² <https://www.rappler.com/move-ph/issues/road-safety/166151-road-crashes-philippines-awareness-safety> viewed same day



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AN ACT
CREATING THE NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY BOARD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "National Road Safety Board Act."

SEC. 2. There is hereby created a National Road Safety Board to undertake the synthesis of all measures aimed at curbing road crash incidents in the land.

SEC. 3. The amount needed to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the 2018 appropriations of the Department of Transportation. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,