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Introduced by Rep. Dakila Carlo E. Cua

**AN ACT REQUIRING THE USE OF MOUNTED DASHBOARD VIDEO
CAMERA IN ALL PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES AND
GOVERNMENT SERVICE VEHICLES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to mandate the use of recording devices in all public utility vehicles and government service vehicles.

The use of mounted dashboard video cameras or "dashcams" has been a popular practice worldwide. In fact, mounted video cameras have not only been used in motor vehicles, but also in the heads and helmets of cyclists and motorcycle riders.

The popularity of Dashcams can be attributed to its benefits. Dashcams have not only prevented crimes such as frauds and thefts, but also helped our justice system by accurately documenting the actual events that transpired.

In view of the foregoing, this representation earnestly seeks the immediate passage of this Bill.


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*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 “*Public Utility Vehicles and Government Service Vehicles Dashcams Act of 2019*.”

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. It is declared that the prime duty of the Government is to serve and protect the people. The State shall maintain peace and order, and protect life, liberty, and property.

SEC. 3. Mandatory Use of Dashcams in all Public Utility Vehicles and Government Service Vehicles. – All public utility vehicles and government service vehicles are required to use mounted dashboard video cameras, otherwise known as “dashcams”.

SEC. 4. Use and Disclosure of Recorded Information or Data in Public Utility Vehicles– The sound, video, or any information or data recorded through the Public Utility Vehicle dashcams shall not be accessed, copied, or used without the consent of the registered operator of the vehicle. Provided, that: Congress may require the public disclosure of the recorded audio, video, or any data or information when public interest so requires.

SEC. 5. Use and Disclosure of Recorded Information or Data in Government Service Vehicles– The sound, video, or any information or data recorded through the government service vehicle dashcams may only be used, viewed, disclosed, and copied in the following instances:

- a) For investigation and prosecution of offenses punishable by law, regulation, or ordinance; and
- b) For determination as to whether or not an offense was committed against any person or property, to ascertain the identity of the perpetrator, and to determine the manner by which the offense was committed.

Provided, that audio and video data shall only be made available upon a written request from the relevant and proper authorities to be identified in the Implementing Rules and

Regulations. Provided further, that copies of audio and video data shall be produced at the expense of the requesting party.

SEC. 6. Review and Retention of Audio, Video, and Other Information or Data. – Any and all data or information recorded in government service vehicle dashcams shall be periodically reviewed by the relevant government agency or bureau.

It shall be the duty of the public utility vehicle operator and relevant government agency or bureau to retain any and all recorded information for Two (2) years from date of recording.

SEC. 7. Admissibility as Evidence in Insurance Claims. – Any and all data or information recorded by dashcams shall be admissible as evidence in all insurance claims.

SEC. 8. Non-infringement of Right to Privacy. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to infringe the People's right to privacy.

SEC. 9. Separability Clause. – If any of the sections or provisions of this Act is held invalid, all other provisions not affected shall remain valid.

SEC. 10. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Department of Transportation, and the National Privacy Commission shall promulgate the rules and regulations to effectively implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 11. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts or provisions thereof which are not consistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 12. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,