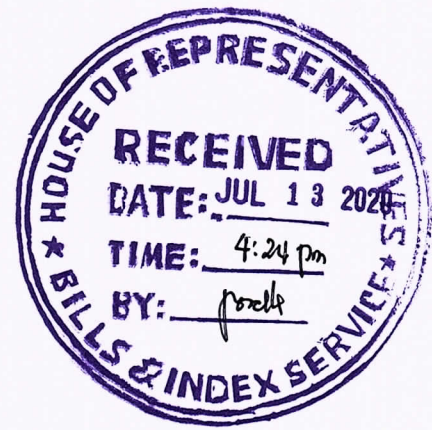




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

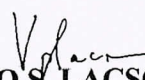
1 Road and vehicular-related accidents are some of the leading causes of death globally. In the
2 Philippines, government data shows that traffic-related accidents and vehicular incidents are
3 attributable to human error and negligence (i.e. over speeding, using f cellphone while driving,
4 drunk driving, overtaking and wrong turning, etc.)

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6 While the root cause of road accidents and casualties is difficult to identify because of its diverse
7 and multi-faceted nature, road accidents and injuries can be prevented through proper education and
8 continuing training of our road users on road safety and traffic regulations.

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10 This bill seeks to include a comprehensive continuing driver's education program in the Senior High
11 School (SHS) to develop our students' knowledge on traffic rules and regulations and on the safe
12 operation of motor vehicles pursuant to international road and traffic safety standards. Through the
13 program, students will develop their operational skills as responsible motorists, hone their individual
14 understanding and obedience to traffic rules and regulations, generate appreciation and recognition
15 of consequences of road and vehicular-related accidents caused by irresponsible driving methods
16 and driving under influence of substances. This program will also enable students to assess their
17 skills and behavior on the road and instill in them the sense of responsibility that comes from
18 acquiring the correct knowledge on driving motor vehicles. The program shall also help future
19 motorists to be mindful not only of their personal safety but also the safety of other road users as
20 well.

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22 ***The Continuing Driver's Education*** program's benefits go beyond the classroom as it will equip
23 each student with the necessary skills and knowledge to pass the national driver's licensure
24 exam and acquire a driver's license. With driving now being a life skill, the program's
25 advantage extends even as far as giving students an edge in finding livelihood.

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27 In view of the foregoing and with the imperative to continuously develop the country's human
28 capital, the swift and urgent approval of this measure is earnestly requested.


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Manila Teachers, Party List

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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE CONTINUING DRIVER'S EDUCATION
PROGRAM IN THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title*** – This act shall be known as “Driver’s Education Act of 2020”.
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3 **SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy*** - It is the policy of the State to ensure the safety of all
4 road users and pedestrians, by providing a quality educational program to raise awareness among its
5 students relative to road safety, etiquette, and rules. Through training, the State also gives its
6 students the necessary life skill in traversing our roads, creating a harmonious road culture and
7 environment for all. The State further creates responsible livelihood opportunities by teaching its
8 students about the necessary functions in vehicles and driving them.
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10 **SECTION 3. *Continuing Driver's Education Program*** — The Continuing Driver's
11 Education Program shall be included in the Senior High School Curriculum to educate the youth on
12 the importance of responsible driving, obedience to traffic regulations and road safety standards for
13 passengers, commuters and pedestrians.
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15 **SECTION 4. *Coverage*** — The Program shall be taught to Senior High School Students,
16 ages 17 and above, in all public and private schools. The classes will be handled by a Professional
17 Driving Instructor who is qualified and accredited by the Technical Education Skills Development
18 Authority (TESDA) with a valid Professional Driver's License issued by the Land Transportation
19 Office (LTO).
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1 **SECTION 5. *Program Course*** — The Department of Education shall adopt course
2 standards for the Continuing Driver's Education Program including, but not limited to; knowledge
3 on the operation and maintenance of motor vehicles, comprehensive study on road traffic rules and
4 regulations, introduction to road transportation laws, psychology of driving (correct eye usage,
5 defensive driving, effects of driving under the influence), machine troubleshooting skills, and
6 comparative analysis and course study on international traffic and road safety policies, regulations
7 and standards.

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9 The Driver's Education Program will be for 30 hours of classroom instruction. The student driver
10 who will successfully pass the levels of course examination will receive a certificate of completion
11 at the end of the course. It shall fully prepare the student for the national driver's licensure exam for
12 professional qualification, both as its academic tests and practical tests.

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14 **SECTION 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations*** — The Secretary of the Department of
15 Education, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, and the
16 Secretary of Trade and Industry shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective
17 implementation of this Act.

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19 **SECTION 5. *Appropriations*** — The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act
20 shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Education. Thereafter, such sum as may
21 be necessary for its continuous implementation shall be included in the Annual General
22 Appropriations Act

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24 **SECTION 6. *Separability Clause*** — If any provision of this Act or the application of such
25 provision to any person or circumstance is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or
26 the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected by such
27 declaration

28 **SECTION 7 *Repealing Clause*** — All laws, decrees, issuances, rules and regulations or
29 parts thereof inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed and modified
30 accordingly.

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32 **SECTION 8. *Effectivity***. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
33 the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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35 Approved,



V. Duterte
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