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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING TRICYCLE DRIVER TRAINING AND MOTORIST
AWARENESS PROGRAMS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Tricycles are essential mode of transportation in the Philippines typically used as passenger taxi transport service, mostly in narrow roads in both urban and rural areas.

At present, tricycles comprise the biggest mode of public transportation with are over 4 million registered tricycles and motorcycles¹ and possibly even more with those operating without franchises.

However, the continuously increasing number of tricycles in the country has contributed to worsening problems, such as environmental degradation. Tricycles and motorcycles are responsible for 45% of all volatile organic compound emissions ² which destroy the ozone layer and worsen the greenhouse effect.

Another issue that the tricycle sector faces is on safety. Tricycles are perceived to be more accident-prone than four-wheeled vehicles. This is due to the instability of the sidecar attached to the motorcycles, which serves as passengers' seat.³

¹ <https://www.statista.com/statistics/708054/number-of-registered-private-motorcycles-and-tricycles-in-the-philippines/> Accessed Online On September 22, 2022

² Urban Partnership Foundation.2006. Urban Transport. Available at: <http://www.ombudsman.gov.ph/UNDP4/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/Chap-07.-Urban-Transport-30Nov06-UPF.pdf> Accessed Online On September 22, 2022

³ Philippine Pediatric Society, Inc. 2014. Child Safety in Public Motor Vehicles. PPS Policy Statement, Series 2004 Vol. 1 No. 8. Available at: <http://www.pps.org.ph/policystatements/publicvehicles.pdf> Accessed Online On September 22, 2022

In Metro Manila, passenger tricycle injury ranks fourth in causing motor vehicle injuries.⁴ Since most of Filipino commuters rely heavily on tricycles as their means of transportation, sufficient measures must be implemented to ensure the driver safety skills and awareness.

This bill seeks to establish tricycles driver safety training and motorist awareness programs at the national level. The proposed legislation also directs the Land Transportation Office (LTO) and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) to develop these programs.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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⁴ UP NCTS. __. TricyclesOperations Managements Seminar. Available from:
<http://ncts.upd.edu.ph/main/component/content/article/3-uncategorized/55-tricycle-operations-management-seminar-trioms>
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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 "*Tricycle Drivers Safety Act*".

SECTION 2. Definition of Terms. - For purposes of this Act, the term:

- a) "LTO" shall mean the Land Transportation Office;
- b) "Motorist Awareness" shall mean individual or collective motorist awareness of the presence of tricycles and motorcycles on or near roadways; and safe driving practices that avoid injury to tricycles, motorcyclists, bicyclists, and pedestrians;
- c) "Motorists awareness program" shall mean any information or public awareness program designed to enhance motorists awareness that is developed by or in coordination with the Land Transportation Office and the local government unit authority having jurisdiction over tricycle regulation;
- d) "TESDA" shall mean the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority;
- e) "Tricycle" shall mean a motor vehicle composed of a motorcycle with more than two (2) cylinders of five hundred cubic centimeters (500cc) engine capacity, with a single-wheel sidecar designed to accommodate three (3) passengers only including the driver; and

- f) "Tricycle Drivers Safety Program" shall mean any formal program of instruction that provides accident avoidance and other safety-oriented operational skills to tricycle drivers, including innovative training to meet unique regional needs.

SECTION 3. *Implementing Agency.* - The LTO, with the assistance of TESDA, shall:

- a) Develop and implement a nationwide Tricycle Drivers Safety Program in coordination with tricycle regulation offices of local government units;
- b) Develop and implement a nationwide Motorist Awareness Program in coordination with the tricycle regulation offices of local government units;
- c) Collect and analyze data on tricycle accidents and other information that can be used to monitor the effectivity of the program and for research, technical assistance, and policy development; and
- d) Provide continuous information and awareness campaigns to the target driver and the general public on transportation safety issues.

SECTION 4. *Role of Local Government Units.* - The office of each local government unit that is in-charge of regulating the tricycle sector in their jurisdiction shall ensure that tricycle drivers shall not operate without first undergoing the Tricycle Drivers Safety Program. A franchise shall not be granted until a certificate issued by the LTO to the driver/applicant has been presented.

SECTION 5. *Appropriations.* - To carry out the provision of this Act, such amount as may be necessary is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the National Treasury. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continuous operation of the program shall be included in the annual appropriations of the Land Transportation Office.

SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,