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HOUSE BILL NO. 7225



Introduced by Representatives Bryan B. Revilla,
Lani Mercado-Revilla, and Ramon Jolo Revilla III

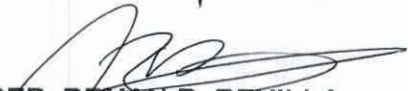
AN ACT
REQUIRING THE TEACHING OF BASIC ROAD SAFETY AND COMPREHENSIVE
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PROGRAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSE

According to data from the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, there were 58,447 road crashes in the National Capital region in 2021. Of this figure, 385 proved fatal while 15,250 non-fatal injuries were recorded. The agency estimates that an average of 51 persons per day are involved in road crashes in Metro Manila alone.

These figures show the need for the government to give prime importance to road safety through various means. In August 31, 2020, the UN General Assembly adopted Resolution 74/299 "Improving Global Road Safety," that "encourages Member States to take measures to promote road safety knowledge and awareness among the population through education, training and publicity campaigns, especially among the youth..."

Given that in the Philippines, those that are at least 16 years old may already secure a student driver's permit, the government may use the school curriculum to inculcate among learners the importance of road safety as early as possible. Thus, this bill directs the Department of Education to integrate basic road safety and comprehensive drivers' education in the senior high school curriculum. It is hoped that, through this measure, our roads would become safer for all Filipinos, including the young.

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


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SECTION 1. It is the duty of the State to promulgate policies that will ensure a safe, viable and dependable road safety system in the country in order to protect the welfare of the general public.

Sec. 2. Basic Road Safety and Comprehensive Drivers' Education shall be integrated in the curriculum of all educational institutions, both public and private, starting from elementary up to the senior high school level.

Sec. 3. The Department of Education (DepEd), in coordination with the Land Transportation Office (LTO), shall adopt the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 4. The DepEd, in coordination with the Department of Transportation (DoTr), University of the Philippines National Center for Transportation Studies, and in consultation with road safety advocates and organizations, shall develop a Basic Road Safety Curriculum conducive for students which shall include, but shall not be limited to, the rights and responsibilities of pedestrians and commuters in their use of all types of road transportation, road awareness, road signage, and responsible commuting, as well as, driving rules and regulations, driving courtesy, driving safety, road hazards, and vehicle safety features.

Sec. 5. The funds needed for the purpose of implementing this Act shall be sourced from the Road Safety Fund which is 7.5% of the Motor Vehicles User's Charge.

Sec. 6. All laws, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,