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HOUSE BILL NO. **7271**



Introduced by Representative Jefferson F. Khonghun

**AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A PROPER ROAD USE EDUCATION IN THE
K TO 12 CURRICULUM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

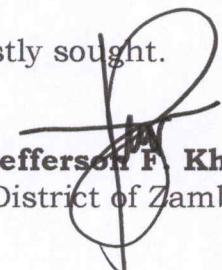
EXPLANATORY NOTE

During the Eighteenth Congress, Representative Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon filed House Bill No. 39, or the Proper Road Use Education Act. The purpose of the bill was to inculcate the value of proper use of roads during the formative years to develop the virtue of discipline early on. The purpose of the bill is noble, unfortunately, however, it did not pass into a law.

Road safety education is vital for people of all ages. In fact, road traffic injuries are the leading cause of death among people aged between 15 and 29 years. With the number of road accidents involving children and the youth, it is high-time that student road safety is given more priority.

Studies show that lack of discipline while driving is the main cause of traffic in the Philippines. Today, we see drivers who drive with complete disregard of traffic rules and regulations and these drivers are not even ignorant of traffic rules. It is a combination of many factors - insufficient laws, poor enforcement, poor driver education, name it. Thus, refiling this bill aims to teach our young student the value of knowing proper road courtesy as part of their core values.

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


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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* — This Act shall be known as the “*Proper Road
Use Education Act*”.

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building. In the same manner that the State recognizes the fundamental role of all educational institutions in inculcating in the youth their involvement in public and civic affairs. Towards this ends, this Act shall endeavor to instill in our youth at a very early age, the importance of road courtesy and proper road use.

SECTION 3. *Integration of a Proper Road Use Education Program in Grades 7 to 10.* - A subject on proper road use shall be incorporated in the curriculum of public elementary and secondary schools.

SECTION 4. *Coverage of Proper Road Use Education Program.* - It is hereby mandated that Proper Road Use Education Program shall be an integral and essential part of the DepEd's K to 12 Basic education Curriculum. It shall encompass such topics as traffic signs, traffic rules and regulations, observance of road courtesy and such others that would help in addressing the road safety in order to reduce road accidents.

SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The Department of Education (DepEd) with the assistance of the Department of Transportation particularly the Land Transportation Office, shall within one hundred and eighty (180) days from the effectivity of this Act, develop a proper road use education program Said education program shall be implemented the following school year after its development.

SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with, or contrary to this Act, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act or the application of such provision is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,