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Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE EMIGDIO P. TANJUATCO III**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The implementation of the K-12 program has been, and will continue to be, one of the greatest accomplishments of the Philippine government since it has provided the next generation of leaders with an educational system that is at par with global standards. By providing students with the authority to decide on a field of specialization at the high school level, we are allowing them to discover the paths they wish to pursue at an early age. As we continue to modernize the education system, I believe it is of greater importance to provide our students with the necessary education for more basic and practical skills that they will face as adults. As such, it is of utmost importance that a basic concept such as road safety be included as part of the curriculum in lower and higher education.

The Road Safety Education Act of 2023 aims to provide all road users with the proper education to ensure their safety while travelling all over the country. Currently, road safety is a topic that is not required to be taught in the K-12 program. This is problematic if we consider that majority of students use public transportation daily in order to get to school. Additionally, it is no secret that majority of road users lack the discipline in following traffic rules whether it be drivers of motor vehicles, bicycles and even pedestrians. By including road safety in the curriculum of the K-12 program, this piece of legislation has the potential to reshape the mindset of Filipinos whenever they are on the road, be it inside a vehicle, or as a pedestrian. If we are able to shape our students to be masters of their respective fields through our educational system, imagine the impact this can possibly have by molding the Filipino people into responsible and disciplined road users.

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


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AN ACT
MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF A SUBJECT ON ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION IN THE
K-12 PROGRAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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 Road Safety Education Act of 2023.

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to ensure the safety and welfare of the commuting public by creating road safety and risk awareness. As such, the State shall promulgate laws that to promote a safe, viable, and dependable road safety system in the country in order to protect the welfare of the general public.

Sec. 3. Definition of Terms. For the purpose of this Act:

- a. "Road safety education"- refers to the rights and responsibilities of drivers, pedestrians, and commuters in their use of all types of roads used for transportation in order to reduce the incidence of road accidents. It shall include, but not be limited to, road awareness, road and/or traffic signages, responsible commuting, driving safety, car passenger safety, pertinent laws and rules and regulations on driving, and the responsibilities of road users;
- b. "K to 12 refers to the enhanced basic education program created under Republic Act No. 10533, otherwise known as the "Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013

SEC. 4. Integration into Curriculum.- Basic road safety and comprehensive driver's education are hereby integrated into the curriculum of the K to 12 program. Basic road safety shall be made part of the elementary curriculum. Comprehensive driver's education shall be made part of the primary and secondary school curricula.

Sec. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Department of Education (DepEd), in coordination with the Land Transportation Office (LTO), shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this act.

Sec. 6. Appropriations. The funds needed for the purpose of implementing this Act shall be sourced from the Special Road Safety Fund which is 7.5% of the Motor Vehicles User's Charge.

Sec. 7. Repealing Clause. All laws, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly

Sec. 8. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in newspapers of general circulation

Approved,