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HOUSE BILL NO. 7734



Introduced by Representative Joseph Gilbert F. Violago

EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to the UNICEF, road traffic injury has become deadlier than HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and diarrheal diseases, killing an estimated 1.35 million people each year globally. In the Philippine setting, there are an estimated 35 road crash fatalities each day or around 12,690 fatalities annually.¹ Children and young individuals are especially vulnerable to road accidents; as it is reported that there is an increasing incidence of injuries involving children from when they start going to school at 5 years old.²

This bill aims to integrate road safety education in the K to 12 curriculum. As several other jurisdictions already included road safety education in their schools' curricula – such as lessons on pedestrian, passenger, and wheels safety, as well as on future drivers – it is ideal and proper that the same be incorporated in the schools here in the Philippines. This bill envisions that the riding public, drivers, pedestrians, and the general public will be apprised of traffic rules and regulations, proper road etiquette and courtesy at an early age or during their formative years – thus, promoting safe roads and ultimately, saving lives.

Similar versions of this commendable bill were filed before the 17th and 18th Congress and the present proponent acknowledges the hard work and wisdom of his predecessors.

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


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¹ Umali, Angel. "Making roads safer for children in the Philippines". UNICEF. N.d. Web. Accessed on 10 March 2023. <<https://www.unicef.org/philippines/stories/making-roads-safer-children-philippines>>

² *Ibid.*

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AN ACT
REQUIRING THE INCLUSION OF ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION
PROGRAM IN THE K TO 12 CURRICULUM, 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”.

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

SECTION 3. *Integration of a Road Safety Education Program in the K to 12 Curriculum.* – A subject on road safety and proper road use shall be incorporated in the curriculum of public elementary and secondary schools.

SECTION 4. *Coverage of the Road Safety Education Program.* – It is hereby mandated that the Road Safety Education Program shall be an integral part of the Department of Education’s K to 12 Basic Education curriculum. It shall cover topics of traffic signs and symbols, traffic rules and regulations, road courtesy, and road safety, and such other topics that would help the youth in understanding road safety, road use, and courtesy.

SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of Education (DepEd), with the assistance of relevant government agencies such as the Department of Transportation particularly, the Land Transportation Office, shall within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, develop a road safety education program which will be integrated into the K to 12 curriculum.

SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,