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EDUCATION IN THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), transport accidents are the 12th cause of death for Filipinos in 2022. This means that over 11,000 Filipinos die every year due to vehicular accidents. Given the high mortality rate, it is imperative that measures must be taken to address this problem.

This bill therefore seeks to integrate a driving and road safety education course in the senior high school curriculum which will educate them about relevant traffic laws, rules and regulations, road safety and discipline, as well as knowledge on the operation and maintenance of a vehicle.

The integration of a driving and road safety education course in the senior high school curriculum will be highly beneficial to our students because it will not only equip them with practical skills which may be necessary for acquiring a job, but will also instill upon them respect to traffic laws, rules, and regulations.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage 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 ‘’ *Driving
Education Bill of 2023*’’

Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – The State recognizes the right of every person to quality and accesible education and as such, the State is mandated to establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society. In support of such purpose, the State must provide our youth with driving and road safety education to reduce the number of vehicular accidents on the country and prevent the loss of life and limb, and damage to property brought about by such accidents.

Sec. 3. *Driving and Road Safety Course*- A driving and road safety course is hereby integrated into the curriculum of Senior High School which shall be composed of but not limited to:

- A. Relevant traffic laws, rules and regulations
- B. Effective driving and road discipline
- C. Operations of automotive parts and related accessories
- D. Repairs and trouble shooting
- E. Traffic signs and road markings
- F. Right of way and defensive driving
- G. Parking skills

The driving and road safety course shall include written and oral, and if practicable, actual driving exercises.

The Department of Education and Land Transportation Office shall be tasked in creating a driving and road safety course curriculum. In the creation of the driving and road safety education course, paramount importance shall be given in ensuring that the students are well-equipped with the skills necessary for driving.

Sec 4. *Student Driver Permit*.- After a student passes the driving and road safety course, the school should issue a certification that the student has passed the driving and road safety course curriculum. The certification shall be the equivalent to the 15-hour theoretical driving course required by the Land Transportation Office for the issuance of a student permit.

Sec. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Education and Land Transportation Office and other relevant government agencies, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Sec. 6. *Periodic Review.* – The implementing agencies shall submit an annual report to Congress on the progress in the implementation of this Act.

Sec. 7. *Appropriations.* – The funds needed to implement this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 8. *Separability Clause.* – Should any part or provision of this Act be declared unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof not otherwise affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 9. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or any part thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Sec. 10. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect upon publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,