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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Recently, there seems to be an alarming surge in road rage incidents. While not all ends in fatality, reported incidents involved cursing and using foul language, throwing verbal insults, threats and intimidation at other parties, physically attacking or attempting to attack, some with use of firearms, reckless driving, and the likes.

Last year, House Bill No. 8991 or the proposed Anti-Road Rage Act of 2023, was filed to address the growing number of road rage incidents and impose stiffer penalties. Unfortunately, it has yet to pass into a law.

The road rage killing in Makati City early this week further stressed the importance of enacting pending measures to penalize aggressive and violent behavior of motorists on the road

San Jose del Monte City Rep. Florida Robes recently filed House Bill (HB) No. 1511, or the Anti-Road Rage Act, which defines road rage as “any aggressive, hostile or violent behavior in traffic or on the road by a motorist which may include mild to moderate screaming, wild gesturing at others, cursing or using bad language, physical attack at another or an attempt thereof, reckless driving, any kinds of threat or intimidation, any use of force against another person and other analogous circumstances.”

In order to prevent future senseless road incidents caused by violent motorists, the passage of this measure is urged.


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AN ACT
PENALIZING ACTS OF ROAD RAGE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be in 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 Anti-Road Rage Act of 2024.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is the policy of the State to make roads safer for all pedestrians and motorists alike. In this light, policies must therefore be established to protect all road users from all acts of road rage that not only cause unwarranted road obstruction but physical harm and even death in extreme cases.

SECTION 3. Definition of Road Rage. - Road Rage as defined in this Act is referred to any aggressive, hostile or violent behavior in traffic or on the road by a motorist, which may include mild to moderate screaming, wild gesturing at others, cursing or using bad language, physical attack at another or an attempt thereof, reckless driving, any kinds of threat or intimidation, any use of force against another person and other analogous circumstances.

SECTION 4. Penalty. - Any person who engages in Road Rage as defined in this Act shall be penalized as follows:

- (a) When no injury or death occurred, imprisonment of not less than six (6) months but not more than one (1) year and/or a fine of not less than One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100, 000.00);

- (b) In cases resulting to physical injury, regardless of the degree, imprisonment of two (2) years to four (4) years and/or a fine of not less than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P250,000.00);
- (c) In cases resulting to death of a party, imprisonment of six (6) years to twelve (12) years and/or a fine of not less than Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00);
- (d) In cases where the offending party is a government official or employee, s/he shall also suffer a penalty of perpetual disqualification to hold public office or be in government service in addition to the applicable penalties mentioned above.

SECTION 5. Revocation of Driver's License. — The driver's license of a person who engages in Road Rage shall be revoked and shall not be eligible for renewal for the next five (5) years following the Road Rage episode.

SECTION 6. Independent Action. — Nothing in this Act shall preclude a victim of Road Rage from instituting a separate action for damages or other affirmative relief.

SECTION 7. Aggravating Circumstance. - If a more serious crime is committed during a road rage, the latter shall be considered an aggravating circumstance as provided under Article 14, Section 1 of the Revised Penal Code.

SECTION 8. Prohibited Defense. — Being under the influence or alcohol, any illicit drug, or any other mind-altering substance shall not be a defense under this Act.

SECTION 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations. — Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), in coordination with the Land Transportation Office, shall promulgate the rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SECTION 10. Separability Clause. — If any part or provision of the Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other Provisions hereof which are not affected hereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. Repealing Clause. — All laws, decrees, rules and regulation inconsistent with the provision of this Act hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. Effectivity. — This shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in two (2) national newspaper of the general circulation.

Approved.