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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Pedestrians are considered the most vulnerable road users, especially in less developed countries. Therefore, pedestrian safety must be a primary concern that the government addresses. Road accidents involving pedestrians are prevalent in our country due to several factors, including road-user behavior, road geometry, road conditions, vehicle characteristics, environmental factors, and the volume and frequency of pedestrians on the road.

Government interventions aimed at improving road safety have primarily focused on the safety of motorists rather than pedestrians. It is essential to prioritize the safety and protection of pedestrians to minimize accidents. One approach to achieving this is to reduce the number of pedestrians crossing national roads.

This bill proposes the construction of overpasses on all national roads that are adjacent to public or private schools, where large numbers of pedestrians gather. This measure will significantly reduce pedestrian traffic on these roads.

In light of the above, the immediate consideration and approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**TO CONSTRUCT OVERPASSES IN ALL NATIONAL ROADS WITH PRIVATE OR**  
**PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “Overpass Act of 2025.”

**SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** - It is the declared policy of the State to safeguard life, health, property, and the general welfare of the people. The State recognizes the sanctity of life and ensures every human being is safe and secure every minute and in every corner of the world.

**SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms*** –

- a. Overpass - refers to a footbridge or similar structure that crosses over a road or highway
- b. National Road / Highway – refers to the network of roads maintained by the Department of Public Works and Highways classified as national primary, national secondary, and national tertiary roads under the Road Classification System.

**SEC. 4. *Coverage.*** – An overpass in every school situated along national road or highways shall be constructed under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways to allow pedestrians to safely cross without interrupting the smooth flow of traffic.

**SEC. 5. *Role of Agencies.*** – The DPWH, with the assistance from the Department of Education (DepEd), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and

Commission on Higher Education (CHED), is hereby mandated to be the lead agency in the implementation of this Act to formulate a guideline, identification and to structure a timetable to ensure the effectivity of this Act.

**SEC. 6. *Appropriations.*** – The funds needed to implement the provision of this Act shall be included in the budget of the DPWH under the General Appropriations Act.

**SEC. 7. *Separability Clause*** -If any provision of this Act is held unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and binding.

**SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.*** – All other laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or part thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby likewise repealed or amended accordingly.

**SEC. 9. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation

*Approved,*