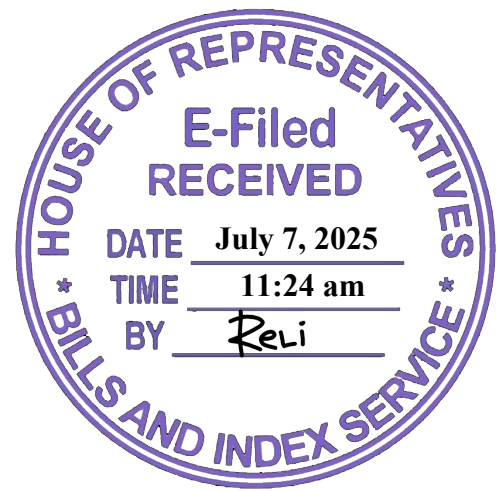


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House Bill No. **1408**

Introduced by Representative Richard I. Gomez, DPA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The increasing number of road traffic accidents in the Philippines has highlighted the need for enhanced road safety measures. In light of this, the proposed legislation mandates that all moving vehicles must have their headlights and taillights turned on at all times of the day when the engine is turned on and when the vehicle is moving. This measure aims to improve vehicle visibility and reduce the likelihood of accidents, ultimately safeguarding lives and reducing the socio-economic impact of road traffic incidents.

The primary goal of this Act is to enhance the visibility of vehicles during the day, thereby reducing the risk of collisions. Studies have demonstrated that vehicles with their headlights and taillights on during the day are more noticeable to other road users. This increased visibility is crucial in preventing accidents, particularly in conditions where visibility is compromised, such as during dawn, dusk, inclement weather, or when there is smog/fog.

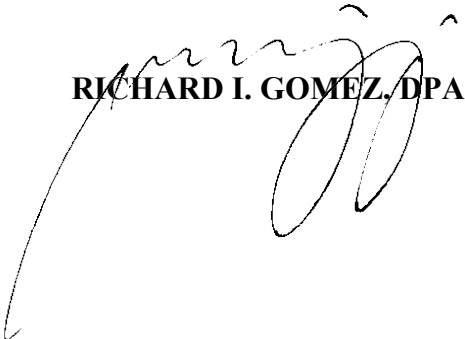
Road safety statistics from the Philippine Statistics Authority reveal a troubling trend of increasing road traffic accidents. The World Health Organization has also emphasized that improving vehicle visibility is a critical factor in reducing road traffic injuries and fatalities. International research supports the effectiveness of daytime running lights in decreasing accidents. For instance, studies in the European Union and the United States have shown that use of daytime headlight and taillights reduce multi-vehicle crashes by 10-15%. Many countries, including Canada and those in the European Union, have successfully implemented similar laws, resulting in significant improvements in road safety.

Enhanced vehicle visibility during the day will reduce the risk of accidents and collisions. This is expected to lead to a decrease in road traffic accidents and fatalities, contributing to overall road safety. Additionally, the Act will raise public awareness about road safety and responsible driving practices.

This Act is a proactive measure to address the pressing issue of road traffic accidents in the Philippines. By mandating the use of headlights and taillights during the day, the legislation aims to create a safer road environment for all users.

The expected reduction in accidents and fatalities will save lives and alleviate the socio-economic burden of road traffic incidents. Successful implementation and adherence to this safety measure will require the cooperation of government agencies, vehicle manufacturers, and the driving public. This collective effort will ultimately foster a safer and more responsible road culture in the Philippines.

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



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**AN ACT MANDATING ALL VEHICLE OPERATORS TO TURN ON
HEADLIGHTS AND TAILLIGHTS AT ALL TIMES OF THE DAY
WHEN THE ENGINE IS TURNED ON AND RUNNING**

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – *"All-day Headlights and Taillights Act of 2024."*

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to secure and safeguard its citizenry, particularly vehicle operators and their passengers, as well as pedestrians, from ruinous and extremely injurious effects of vehicular accidents. Towards this end, the State shall pursue a more proactive and preventive approach with the mandatory enforcement of a low-cost method to reduce and prevent road crashes by requiring all vehicles in operation to have their headlights and taillights turned on during the day, thereby increasing conspicuity and visibility.

SEC. 3. *Mandatory Use of Headlights and Taillights at All Times of the Day.* - For the safety of all vehicle operators, passengers, and the public, in general, all motorized vehicles, including, vehicles with two wheels, three wheels, four or more wheels, track wheels, and the like, without exception, may only operate with their headlights and taillights turned on during all times of the day when the engine is turned on.

SEC. 4. *Penalties and Fines.* - In the enforcement of this Act, the LTO shall impose fines

and penalties against the vehicle operators violating the provisions of this Act. The following shall be the basis in determining the fines and penalties: Provided, That a grace period of six (6) months from the effectivity of the IRR shall be granted to allow the LTO and the other government agencies concerned the opportunity to conduct a nationwide information campaign.

Vehicle operators found driving or operating a vehicle without its headlights and taillights turned on during all times of the day shall be fined:

- a. A minimum fine of one thousand pesos (Php1,000.00) but not exceeding two thousand pesos (Php2,000.00) for the first violation;
- b. A minimum of three thousand five hundred pesos (Php3,500.00) but not to exceed five thousand pesos (Php5,000.00) and suspension of the driver's license for a period of one (1) month for the second and succeeding violations.

SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within sixty (60) days from the promulgation of this Act, the implementing rules and regulations for the proper implementation of its provisions shall be formulated by the appropriate government office or agency in coordination with all the stakeholders and covered establishments and institutions.

SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is declared invalid, the remainder or any of this provision hereof not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, presidential issuances and other administrative rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 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,