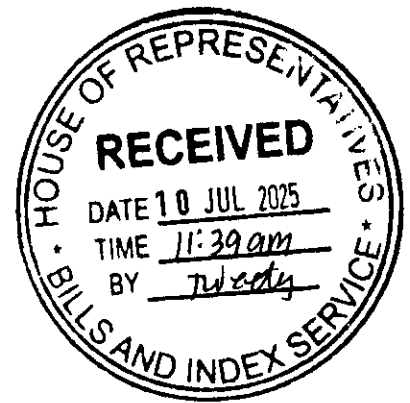


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Introduced by **Hon. Janice V. Degamo**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 10586, or the "Anti-Drunk and Drugged Driving Act of 2013," was enacted to address the growing number of road accidents caused by individuals driving under the influence of alcohol, dangerous drugs, and similar substances. While the law rightfully imposes administrative and criminal penalties, the continuing prevalence of such incidents suggests the need for stronger deterrents.

This bill seeks to amend Section 12 of Republic Act No. 10586 to explicitly classify driving under the influence (DUI) as an aggravating circumstance in all applicable cases. By doing so, the law will recognize the inherently reckless and dangerous nature of DUI offenses and ensure that they are penalized more severely, beyond just financial sanctions.

Establishing DUI as an aggravating circumstance aligns with our duty to safeguard public safety, uphold accountability, and emphasize the seriousness of actions that place lives at risk on our roads. It is a necessary step toward strengthening the enforcement of traffic laws and fostering a culture of responsible driving in the Philippines.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10586, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE 'ANTI-DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING ACT OF 2013',
TO ESTABLISH DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE AS AN
AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCE IN ALL CASES, IN ADDITION TO
EXISTING PENALTIES, 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 "Aggravated DUI Penalty Act of 2025"

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to ensure the safety and welfare of its citizens by promoting responsible road use and deterring reckless behavior on public thoroughfares. Recognizing the grave dangers posed by individuals who operate motor vehicles under the influence of alcohol, dangerous drugs, and other similar substances, the State affirms its commitment to impose stricter penalties and to treat such conduct as an aggravating circumstance. This measure seeks to reinforce accountability, deter potential violators, and uphold the sanctity of life and public order on all roads and highways throughout the country.

SEC. 3. Amendment to Section 12 of Republic Act No. 10586. Section 12 of Republic Act No. 10586 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 12. Penalties. — A driver of a motor vehicle found to have been driving under the influence of alcohol, dangerous drugs, and/or other similar substances, as provided under Section 5 of this Act, shall be penalized as follows:

(a) If the violation did not result in physical injuries or homicide, the penalty of three (3) months imprisonment, and a fine ranging from Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000.00) to Eighty thousand pesos (P80,000.00) shall be imposed;

(b) If the violation resulted in physical injuries, the penalty under Article 263 of the Revised Penal Code, in addition to the fine ranging from One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) to Two hundred thousand pesos (P200,000.00) shall be imposed;

(c) If the violation resulted in homicide, the penalty under Article 249 of the Revised Penal Code, in addition to the fine ranging from Three hundred thousand pesos (P300,000.00) to Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) shall be imposed;

(d) In all cases, the act of driving under the influence of alcohol, dangerous drugs, and/or other similar substances shall be considered an aggravating circumstance and shall be appreciated as such in the imposition of penalties under applicable laws, including the Revised Penal Code as amended and other special penal laws.

In addition to the above, the non-professional driver's license of any person found to have violated this Act shall be confiscated and suspended for a period of twelve (12) months for the first conviction and perpetually revoked for the second conviction. The professional driver's license of any person found to have violated this Act shall be confiscated and perpetually revoked for the first conviction. The perpetrator shall also be disqualified from being granted any kind of driver's license thereafter."

SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Land Transportation Office (LTO), in coordination with the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Philippine National Police (PNP), shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this Act shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,