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HOUSE BILL NO. 5117



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE AUDREY KAY T. ZUBIRI**

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING ROAD SAFETY CURRICULUM, CAMPAIGN AND
TRAINING, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines has notably recorded approximately 3,200 road deaths per day, with mortality rates disproportionately affecting children and youth.¹ Studies have also shown that many of the drivers involved in these incidents belong to the youth sector, particularly those aged 16 to 19 years old. This alarming trend has prompted some foreign countries, such as Austria, to implement mandatory post-test training programs, as data indicates that drivers in their 20s are exposed to higher risk of fatal accidents despite gaining more driving experience.²

Section 5, Article II, of the 1987 Constitution mandates the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare of the people. Thus, it is imperative upon Congress to establish a legal framework for creating a road safety curriculum, campaign and training as solutions to this pressing issue.

Although Republic Act No. 4136 or the “Land Transportation and Traffic Code” still applies to traffic rules and regulations, it fails to address the concern in the lack of proper driver education and training. In 2021 alone, approximately 1.053 million individuals registered for student driving permits.³

¹ <https://www.who.int/philippines/news/detail/18-12-2023-dotr--who--road-safety-partners-launch-global-status-report-on-road-safety-2023-in-the-philippines>

² <https://www.topgear.com.ph/news/young-drivers-aged-16-to-19-most-likely-to-be-involved-in-fatal-accidents>

³ <https://www.foi.gov.ph/requests/demographics-of-drivers-in-the-philippines-as-of-dec-31-2021/>

Hence, this bill seeks to educate the general public, especially the youth, on essential road safety standards, regulations, and laws by integrating a comprehensive Road Safety subject into the Department of Education (DepEd) curriculum. The objective is to promote awareness, encourage compliance, and ultimately reduce the occurrence of motor vehicle accidents across the country.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is urgently sought.



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

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** - This Act shall be known as the "Road Safety Education Act
2 of 2025."

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4 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect
5 and promote the well-being and health of the people; it is also the policy of the State to promote
6 awareness and instill consciousness among all Filipinos on the importance of road safety.
7 Towards this end, the State shall educate the general public, especially the youth, on pertinent
8 road safety standards, regulations and laws in order to promote compliance and prevent the
9 occurrence of motor vehicle road accidents.

10 **SEC. 3. *Compulsory Teaching of Road Safety and Drivers' Education in All Primary***
11 ***and Secondary Schools, and Educational Institutions.*** - Basic Road Safety and
12 Comprehensive Drivers' Education shall be taught in all primary and secondary schools and
13 educational institutions, both public and private. Basic Road Safety shall be integrated in the
14 elementary education curriculum. Comprehensive drivers' education shall be incorporated in
15 the junior and senior high school curricula.

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17 Incorporation of Basic Road Safety Comprehensive Drivers' Education in school
18 curricula shall be implemented on the next academic year following the passage of this Act.

1 **SEC. 4. *Road Safety Curriculum*** — The Department of Education (DepEd), in
2 coordination with the Department of Transportation (DOTr), University of the Philippines
3 National Center for Transportation Studies (UP-NCTS) and in consultation with road safety
4 advocates and organizations, shall develop a Basic Road Safety Curriculum conducive for
5 elementary school students which shall include, but not be limited to, the rights and
6 responsibilities of pedestrians and commuters in their use of all types of road transportation,
7 road awareness, road signage, and responsible commuting.

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9 The aforementioned agencies and organizations shall, in the same manner, develop a
10 comprehensive Drivers' Education appropriate for junior and senior school students which shall
11 include, but not be limited to, driving rules and regulations, driving courtesy, driving safety,
12 road hazards, and vehicle safety features.

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14 Supplementary topics related to road safety issues and drivers' education may be added
15 periodically to further enhance the awareness and knowledge of the students.

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17 **SEC. 5. *Educational Materials*** — The DepEd shall consult and coordinate with the
18 DOTr, UP-NCTS and road safety advocates and organizations in the writing, printing, and
19 publication of textbooks, manuals and other educational materials to be used in the Road Safety
20 and Drivers' Education subjects.

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22 It shall be mandatory for all primary and secondary schools and educational institutions
23 to keep in their libraries an adequate number of copies of textbooks and other educational
24 materials on Road Safety and Drivers' Education to be issued by the DepEd. The DepEd shall,
25 in every school year, determine the adequacy of the number of books, depending upon the
26 enrolment in the secondary school or institution.

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28 **SEC. 6. *Public Road Safety Information Campaign.*** - The DOTr, UP-NCTS in
29 coordination with other government agencies, road safety advocates and organizations, shall
30 establish a road safety information, education and communication campaign to educate the
31 general policy and pedestrians, and increase awareness among motor vehicle drivers on proper
32 road courtesy and road safety regulations.

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1 The DOTr shall develop a Road Safety manual which shall, at all times, be accessible
2 through the DOTr website.
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4 **SEC. 7. Road Safety Training for Traffic Enforcers.** - The DOTr through the Land
5 Transportation Office (LTO) shall develop and conduct a Road Safety Training Program for
6 Traffic Enforcers to educate traffic enforcers in matters relating to road safety, such as but not
7 limited to traffic violations and procedures in apprehensions.
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9 The LTO shall coordinate with other government agencies, local government units and
10 road safety advocates and organizations in the conduct of the training of traffic enforcers.
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12 All traffic enforcers shall undergo the Road Safety Training during the first year of the
13 implementation of this Act and every two (2) years thereafter,
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15 **SEC. 8. Implementing Rule and Regulations.** - Within thirty (30) days from the
16 effectivity of this Act, the DepEd, DOTr and the LTO, in consultation with other road safety
17 advocates and organizations, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement
18 this Act.
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20 **SEC. 9. Appropriations.** - The funds needed for the purpose of this Act shall be
21 indicated as line item under the budget of the appropriate agencies under the General
22 Appropriations Act.
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24 **SEC. 10. Separability Clause.** - If any provision or part of this Act shall be declared
25 invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full
26 force and effect.
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28 **SEC. 11. Repealing Clause** — All laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules and
29 regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or
30 modified accordingly.
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1 **SEC. 12. *Effectivity Clause*** — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
2 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,