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HOUSE BILL NO. **5340**



Introduced by Representative Ramon Rodrigo L. Gutierrez

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Road traffic accidents have become an increasingly alarming public safety issue in the Philippines. Over the years, the number of road-related accidents has consistently risen, claiming thousands of lives and injuring many more. Despite efforts by government agencies and private institutions to improve road safety awareness, the data shows a persistent and troubling trend.

According to data from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), the number of deaths due to land transport accidents surged to 13,125 in the year 2023 — the highest figure recorded in over a decade. This accounted for 1.9 percent of all deaths nationwide. Alarmingly, young adults aged 20 to 24 have consistently registered the highest number of deaths due to land transport accidents from 2010 to 2023, underscoring the urgent need for targeted intervention and preventive measures.

While it is true that fatal diseases such as Ischaemic Heart Diseases and Neoplasms (cancer) remain the leading causes of death in the country, the significant and rising number of road accident fatalities is deeply disheartening. What makes these deaths particularly tragic is the fact that they are largely preventable. With proper enforcement of traffic rules, improved road infrastructures, and most importantly, effective and accessible road safety education, countless lives can be saved.

In light of this growing concern, this bill proposes the integration of basic road safety principles and comprehensive driver's education into the enhanced basic education curriculum. By embedding road safety awareness at an early age and ensuring that future drivers are adequately trained and educated, we aim to foster a culture of responsible and informed road use across all generations.

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


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AN ACT
INTEGRATING BASIC ROAD SAFETY AND COMPREHENSIVE DRIVER'S
EDUCATION IN THE CURRICULUM OF THE ENHANCED BASIC EDUCATION
(K TO 12) PROGRAM

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

ARTICLE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the **ROAD SAFETY AND COMPREHENSIVE DRIVER'S EDUCATION ACT.**

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to reduce road accidents on all types of roads used for transportation by raising the awareness of road users such as pedestrians, commuters and motorists on their rights and responsibilities and the everyday risks that they face. As such, the State shall ensure that all road users are aware of the principles of basic road safety and comprehensive driver's education.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. - For the purpose of this Act:

- a) *Basic Road Safety* refers to the rights and responsibilities of pedestrians and commuters in their use of all types of roads used for transportation in order to reduce the incidence of road accidents. It shall include, but not be limited to, road awareness, road signages, responsible commuting, and the responsibilities of pedestrians;
- b) *Comprehensive Driver's Education* refers to the rights and responsibilities of drivers in their use of all types of roads used for transportation in order to reduce the incidence of road accidents. It shall include, but not be limited to, basic road safety and its components, education on pertinent laws and rules and regulations on driving, traffic signages, driving safety, and car passenger safety;
- c) *K to 12* refers to the enhanced basic education program created under Republic Act No. 10533, otherwise known as the "*Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013*

ARTICLE II PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

SECTION 4. *Integration into Curriculum.* – Basic road safety and comprehensive driver's education are hereby integrated into the curriculum of the K to 12 program. Basic road safety shall be made part of the elementary curriculum. Comprehensive driver's education shall be made part of the junior and senior high school and higher education curricula.

SECTION 5. *Ad-Hoc Curriculum Committee.* – There shall be created an ad-hoc curriculum committee composed of the Secretary of the Department of Education (DepEd), the Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Secretary of the Department of Transportation (DOTr), the executive director of the Land Transportation Office (LTO), the executive director of the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB), and the Chairman of the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA), or their permanent representatives. The committee shall be administratively attached to the DepEd and chaired by the DepEd Secretary or his permanent representative. The Committee shall conduct public hearings and consult concerned stakeholders from the private and non-governmental sectors.

The committee shall convene within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act and shall have one (1) year to design the basic road safety and comprehensive driver's education program and its components. Thereafter, the Committee shall be *functus officio* and the member agencies shall ensure the full and continuing implementation of this Act.

ARTICLE III FINAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 6. *Appropriations.* – The funds needed for the purpose of this Act shall be indicated as a line item under the budget of the DepEd under the General Appropriations Act. Appropriations for the implementation of this Act shall be sourced from the Special Road Safety Fund as created under Republic Act No. 8794.

SECTION 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The DepEd, CHED, DOTr, LTO, LTFRB, and MMDA shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act within thirty (30) days from its effectivity.

SECTION 8. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 9. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations and other issuances, or any part thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SECTION 10. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.