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AN ACT
REQUIRING THE TEACHING OF BASIC ROAD SAFETY AND
COMPREHENSIVE DRIVERS' EDUCATION AS PART OF THE CURRICULUM
OF THE K-12 PROGRAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Road safety is more than just a transportation concern. It is a public health, education, and civic responsibility. Every year, thousands of Filipinos lose their lives or suffer injuries due to road crashes, many of which are preventable through proper awareness, discipline, and early education.

The World Health Organization (WHO) Global Status Report on Road Safety (2023), road traffic injuries remain one of the leading causes of death globally among people aged 5 to 29. Meanwhile, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) reported that there were more than 11,000 road crash fatalities in 2022, while the Metro Manila Accident Reporting and Analysis System logged over 65,000 road accidents in the same year.

These alarming numbers underscore the urgent need for a more comprehensive and preventive approach—one that starts with education. Integrating Basic Road Safety and Comprehensive Driver's Education into the K-12 curriculum ensures that awareness begins early, instilling in students a culture of discipline, respect, and responsibility on the road. Teaching road safety in formative years allows children to grow up as informed pedestrians, cautious commuters, and eventually, responsible drivers.

Beyond safety, road education promotes values integral to nation-building-discipline, accountability, patience, and respect for the law. It also empowers young people with practical life skills, such as understanding traffic signs, commuter etiquette, and defensive driving principles.

This measure recognizes that road safety education is life-saving education. Integrating it into the K-12 program is a proactive step toward reducing road fatalities and shaping a generation that values safety, discipline, and civic responsibility.

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



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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 “*Basic Road Safety in K-12 Curriculum Act*”.

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It is the duty of the State to promulgate policies that will ensure a safe, viable and dependable road safety system in the country in order to protect the welfare of the general public.

SECTION 3. *Basic Road Safety and Comprehensive Drivers' Education.* Basic Road Safety and Comprehensive Drivers' Education shall be integrated in the curriculum of all educational institutions, both public and private, starting from elementary up to the senior high school level.

SECTION 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* The Department of Education (DepEd), in coordination with the Land Transportation Office (LTO), shall adopt the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 5. *Curriculum Design.* The DepEd, in coordination with the Department of Transportation (DoTr), University of the Philippines National Center for Transportation Studies and in consultation with road safety advocates and organizations, shall develop a Basic Road Safety Curriculum conducive for students which shall include, but not limited to, the rights and responsibilities of pedestrians and commuters in their use of all types of road transportation, road awareness, road signage, and responsible commuting, as well as, driving rules and regulations, driving courtesy, driving safety, road hazards, and vehicle safety features.

SECTION 6. *Appropriations.* The funds needed for the purpose of implementing this Act shall be sourced from the Road Safety Fund which is 7.5% of the Motor Vehicles User's Charge.

SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,