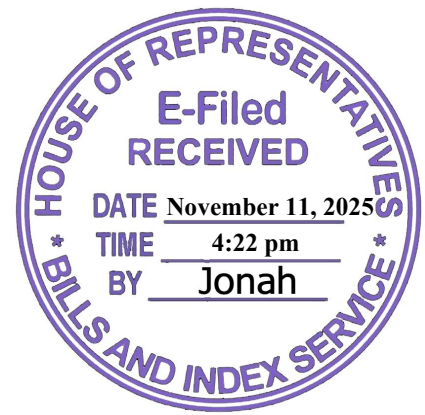


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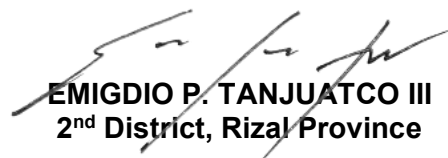
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Marilaque Highway, which traverses the Province of Rizal and connects the Metro Manila area to the provinces of Laguna and Quezon, serves as a vital transportation route for commuters, tourists, and businesses. However, issues such as road safety hazards, reckless driving, environmental concerns, and inadequate traffic enforcement have persisted over the years, posing risks to public safety and infrastructure integrity. It was reported that from **January to December 2024, a total of 158 incidents were logged¹**. Considering the number of incidents last year, it is appalling that **in January 2025 alone, there have already been 13 incidents** with the most recent one on January 26, 2025.² Marilaque Highway has been at the forefront of sad news wherein 2 motorcycles performing stunts crashed and once again claimed the life of a motorist. While events like these are deemed accidents, measures should be created to prevent them considering the large number of motorists that pass Marilaque Highway.

This bill seeks to establish the Marilaque Highway Monitoring Group (MHMG) to enhance the monitoring, enforcement, and management of the highway. The MHMG will be responsible for ensuring road safety, overseeing compliance with traffic regulations, coordinating emergency response efforts, and promoting sustainable environmental practices along the route.

By creating this dedicated monitoring group, the government can address the pressing concerns surrounding Marilaque Highway more effectively, ultimately fostering a safer and more efficient road network for the benefit of motorists, residents, and stakeholders.

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


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¹ <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/2028942/increased-presence-ordered-at-marilaque-highway-after-viral-motor-crash>

² <https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/topstories/regions/934381/marilaque-highway-motorcycle-accident-police/story/>

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MARILAQUE HIGHWAY MONITORING GROUP AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

SECTION 1. Title. – This Act shall be known as the "Marilaque Highway Monitoring Act."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the State to ensure the safety, security, and efficient management of national roads and highways. Given the increasing vehicular traffic and incidents along the Marilaque Highway, it is imperative to establish a dedicated monitoring and enforcement group to oversee its operations, maintain order, and ensure the safety of motorists and commuters.

SECTION 3. Creation of the Marilaque Highway Monitoring Group (MHMG). – There is hereby created a special monitoring and enforcement unit to be known as the Marilaque Highway Monitoring Group (MHMG), which shall be under the joint supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the Department of Transportation (DOTr), Land Transportation Office (LTO) and the Philippine National Police - Highway Patrol Group (PNP-HPG).

SECTION 4. Functions and Responsibilities. – The MHMG shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. Conduct round-the-clock monitoring of traffic and road conditions along Marilaque Highway;
- b. Enforce traffic rules and regulations, including speed limits and safety measures;
- c. Coordinate with the local government units (LGUs) and relevant agencies for immediate response to accidents and emergencies;
- d. Identify areas along Marilaque Highway as high risk;
- e. Delegate PNP-HPG officers for 24/7 surveillance, particularly in sections of the highway designated as high risk by the MHMG.
- f. Provide real-time traffic updates and advisories to the public;
- g. Act as an interested party in the initiation of appropriate criminal and civil charges, without prejudice to any administrative actions regarding the suspension and revocation of licenses, against motorists who engage in reckless activities.

- h. Perform such other functions as may be necessary to maintain highway safety and security.

SECTION 5. Composition. – The MHMG shall be composed of:

- a. Representatives from the DPWH, DOTr, LTO, and PNP-HPG;
- b. Traffic enforcers and personnel designated by the respective agencies;
- c. Medical and emergency response units from concerned LGUs; and
- d. Other stakeholders as deemed necessary.

SECTION 6. Funding. – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment. Additional funding may be sourced from grants, donations, and other lawful sources.

SECTION 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The DPWH, DOTr, LTO, and PNP-HPG, in coordination with relevant stakeholders, shall formulate and issue the necessary implementing rules and regulations (IRR) within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 8. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,