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HOUSE BILL NO. 6542



Introduced by Representatives JOCELYN P. TULFO and RALPH WENDEL P. TULFO

**AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR RECKLESS DRIVING AND OTHER
TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE,"
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The roadways of the Philippines have become increasingly perilous. Recent data from the Philippine National Police - Highway Patrol Group (PNP-HPG) indicates a distressing rise in road crash fatalities, with a significant percentage attributed to human error, specifically reckless driving, over-speeding, and bad overtaking. In 2024 alone, road crash fatalities spiked by over 35%, a clear signal that our current deterrents are insufficient.

The primary law governing our traffic rules, Republic Act No. 4136, or the "Land Transportation and Traffic Code," was enacted in 1964. While it has served as the backbone of our traffic regulations, its penalty structures are vastly outdated. A fine of two thousand pesos (PHP 2,000.00) for reckless driving—a behavior that endangers lives and property—is no longer a sufficient deterrent in the current economic context.

This bill seeks to amend the outdated provisions of R.A. No. 4136 by imposing stiffer penalties, including significantly higher fines and longer suspension periods for driver's licenses. It aims to instill discipline among motorists, reduce the incidence of road rage and reckless driving, and ultimately, save lives.

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 House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress
assembled

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the *"Enhanced Road Safety
and Stiffer Traffic Penalties Act of 2025."*

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the State to ensure the
safety of all road users, including motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists. To this end,
the State shall impose stricter penalties for traffic violations to deter reckless
behavior, promote responsible driving, and reduce the rising number of vehicular
accidents in the country.

SECTION 3. Amendment of Section 48 of Republic Act No. 4136. – Section 48
of Republic Act No. 4136 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 48. Reckless Driving. – No person shall operate a motor vehicle on
any highway recklessly or without reasonable caution considering the width,
traffic, grades, crossing, curvatures, visibility and other conditions of the
highway and the conditions of the atmosphere and weather, or so as to
endanger the property or the safety or rights of any person or so as to cause
excessive or unreasonable damage to the highway.

Acts constituting reckless driving shall include, but are not limited to:

- a) driving at a speed exceeding the legal limit by 40 kilometers per hour
or more;*
- b) sudden or unexpected swerving or changing of lanes without
signaling;*
- c) overtaking on blind curves or in zones designated as 'no overtaking';*

- 1 d) *driving against the flow of traffic (counter-flowing); and*
- 2 e) *aggressive driving behavior or 'road rage' that threatens other*
- 3 *motorists or pedestrians."*

4 **SECTION 4. Increased Penalties.** – The penalties for violations under this Act are

5 hereby updated as follows:

6 **(a) For Reckless Driving:**

- 7 1. **First Offense:** A fine of Twenty Thousand Pesos (PHP 20,000.00)
- 8 and suspension of the driver's license for a period of six (6) months.
- 9 2. **Second Offense:** A fine of Fifty Thousand Pesos (PHP 50,000.00)
- 10 and suspension of the driver's license for a period of one (1) year.
- 11 3. **Third and Subsequent Offenses:** A fine of One Hundred Thousand
- 12 Pesos (PHP 100,000.00) and revocation of the driver's license. The
- 13 offender shall be perpetually disqualified from being granted any
- 14 driver's license.

15 **(b) If the Reckless Driving results in Physical Injuries or Property**

16 **Damage:** In addition to the fines above, the offender shall face imprisonment

17 of not less than six (6) months but not more than two (2) years, at the

18 discretion of the court, without prejudice to prosecution under the Revised

19 Penal Code.

20 **(c) If the Reckless Driving results in Death:** The offender shall face

21 mandatory imprisonment of not less than four (4) years but not more than six

22 (6) years, and a fine of Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (PHP 500,000.00), in

23 addition to civil indemnities required by law.

24 **SECTION 5. Mandatory Driver's Re-education Program.** – Any driver

25 apprehended for Reckless Driving shall be required to undergo a Mandatory Road

26 Safety Seminar conducted by the Land Transportation Office (LTO) or an

27 accredited service provider before their license can be reinstated or renewed.

28 **SECTION 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within sixty (60) days from

29 the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and the Land

30 Transportation Office (LTO) shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations

31 for the effective implementation of this Act.

32 **SECTION 7. Separability Clause.** – If any provision of this Act is declared

33 unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in

34 full force and effect.

35 **SECTION 8. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances,

36 rules, and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act

37 are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

38 **SECTION 9. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its

39 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

40 *Approved,*