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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Road traffic crashes remain a significant public health issue and a leading cause of death and serious injury, particularly among children, adolescents, and young adults in the Philippines. According to reports from the World Health Organization and local agencies, vulnerable road users—such as pedestrians, cyclists, and motorcyclists—constitute a disproportionately high number of road fatalities. Many of these incidents are attributable to a lack of understanding of basic traffic rules, road awareness, and disciplined road behavior.

The State has a fundamental obligation to protect the life and promote the general welfare of its citizens. By integrating comprehensive road safety and driver's education into the formal school system from basic education through higher education, the Government can instill discipline, responsibility, and an ingrained culture of road courtesy and safety consciousness among future and current road users. This proactive measure is a cost-effective strategy to significantly reduce the incidence of road crashes, mitigate the economic burden of traffic accidents, and save lives.

This Bill seeks to institutionalize this vital public education component, ensuring that every student is equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate the road network safely, whether as a pedestrian, commuter, cyclist, or future driver.

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


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AN ACT MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF BASIC ROAD SAFETY AND COMPREHENSIVE DRIVER'S EDUCATION IN THE CURRICULUM OF THE ENHANCED BASIC EDUCATION (K TO 12) PROGRAM AND HIGHER EDUCATION CURRICULUM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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 "Road Safety Education Act of 2026."Act."

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to prioritize the preservation of human life and to promote the general welfare by fostering a culture of road safety. The State shall ensure that all citizens are equipped with comprehensive knowledge of traffic laws, road etiquette, and responsible road use through its educational system to significantly reduce road traffic injuries and fatalities.

SEC. 3. *Mandatory Inclusion in the Enhanced Basic Education Curriculum (K to 12).* - The Department of Education (DepEd), in coordination with the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and the Land Transportation Office (LTO), shall develop and mandate the integration of basic road safety and awareness into the Enhanced Basic Education (K to 12) curriculum.

- Integration: Road safety education shall be integrated into appropriate subjects such as *Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao* (Values Education), *Science, Araling Panlipunan* (Social Studies), and *Health* across all key stages (Kindergarten to Grade 12).

- Curriculum Content: The curriculum shall include, but not be limited to:
 - Rights and responsibilities of pedestrians, commuters, and cyclists.
 - Meaning and compliance with road signs, pavement markings, and traffic light signals.
 - Responsible commuting practices, including safety in public transport.
 - Basic emergency response and first aid for road incidents.
 - Awareness of risk factors such as distracted driving and speeding.
- Learning Materials: DepEd, DOTr, and LTO shall jointly develop age-appropriate and research-based instructional materials.

SEC. 4. *Inclusion in the Higher Education Curriculum.* - The Commission on Higher Education (CHED), in coordination with the DOTr and LTO, shall mandate the integration of comprehensive road safety and driver's education into relevant degree programs or through a mandatory, non-academic course module for all incoming college students.

- Curriculum Content: The course or module shall cover, but not be limited to:
 - Advanced defensive driving techniques and road hazards recognition.
 - Legal framework for traffic and land transportation (e.g., Republic Act No. 4136 and other related laws).
 - Vehicle maintenance and safety features.
 - The socio-economic and public health impact of road crashes.
 - Ethical and disciplined road use.

SEC. 5. *Training of Personnel.* - DepEd, CHED, in coordination with the DOTr, LTO, and other relevant government agencies, shall ensure the adequate training and capacity building of teachers, professors, and instructors who will deliver the integrated road safety curriculum and modules. Resource speakers from the LTO, Philippine National Police-Highway Patrol Group (PNP-HPG), and road safety non-government organizations may be engaged.

SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).* - DepEd, CHED, and DOTr, with the LTO, shall jointly promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act within ninety (90) days from its

effectivity. This shall include provisions on monitoring and evaluation to ensure compliance and effectiveness.

SEC. 7. Appropriations. - The funds necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of the DepEd, CHED, and DOTr. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continuous implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA). The implementing agencies are also authorized to source funds from the Road Safety Fund as provided by law.

SEC. 8. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 9. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 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,