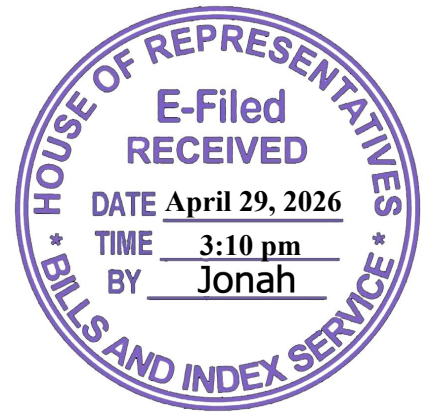


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

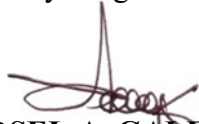
A spate of recent incidents involving drivers under the influence of alcohol or dangerous drugs have occurred in the Province of Cebu. This has raised serious concerns on road safety and have sparked calls to revisit Republic Act No. 10586 or the “Anti-Drunk and Drugged Driving Act of 2013.” Despite the penalties currently being imposed, there seems to be a blatant disregard for the law. This goes to show that there needs to be stricter enforcement and more severe consequences to deter dangerous behavior. The proposed measure reinforces accountability by increasing the penalties for violations of the law.

In 2022 alone, the Land Transportation Office (LTO) has recorded around 402 road crash incidents from January to August, some of which have resulted in fatalities, with 353 cases involving intoxicated drivers. Despite repeated warnings to motorists, similar incidents persist.

Strengthening the penalties for drunk and drugged driving, including imposing higher fines, longer periods of license suspension, or possibly license revocation, aims to ensure that drivers will feel personally responsible for their behavior on public roads as they operate their vehicles.

Driving is a privilege that carries with it the responsibility to protect the lives of others. A motor vehicle which is operated irresponsibly is nothing more than an instrument of harm. For this reason, it shall never be an acceptable excuse for a driver not to be in a proper condition to operate a vehicle. The grant of a driver’s license comes with the commitment to obey traffic rules and regulations and uphold responsible road use.

For the foregoing reasons, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR STIFFER PENALTIES FOR DRIVING UNDER THE
INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, DANGEROUS DRUGS AND/OR OTHER
SIMILAR SUBSTANCES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 10586, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ANTI-DRUNK AND DRUGGED
DRIVING ACT OF 2013"

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 12 of Republic Act No. 10586 is hereby amended to read
2 as follows:

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4 "SEC. 12. Penalties. – A driver found to have been driving a motor vehicle
5 while under the influence of alcohol, dangerous drugs and/or other similar
6 substances, as provided under Section 5 of this Act, shall be penalized as follows:

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8 a) If the violation of Section 5 did not result in physical injuries or homicide,
9 the penalty of [three (3)] SIX (6) months imprisonment and a fine ranging
10 from [Twenty] FIFTY thousand pesos [(Php20,000.00)] (PHP50,000.00) to
11 [Eighty]-ONE HUNDRED thousand pesos [(Php80,000.00)]
12 (PHP100,000.00) shall be imposed;

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14 b) If the violation of Section 5 resulted in physical injuries, the penalty provided
15 for in THE APPLICABLE PARAGRAPH OF Article 263 of the Revised
16 Penal code, IN ITS MAXIMUM PERIOD, or the penalty provided for in the
17 [next] IMMEDIATELY preceding paragraph, whichever is higher, and a
18 fine ranging from One hundred FIFTY thousand pesos [(Php100,000.00)]
19 (PHP150,000.000) to Two hundred FIFTY thousand pesos
20 [(Php200,000.00)] (PHP250,000.00) shall be imposed;

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22 c) If the violation of Section 5 resulted in homicide, the penalty provided in
23 Article 249 of the Revised Penal Code, IN ITS MAXIMUM PERIOD, and
24 a fine ranging from Three hundred FIFTY thousand pesos
25 [(Php300,000.00)] (PHP350,000.00) to Five hundred FIFTY thousand pesos
26 [(Php500,000.00)] (PHP550,000.00) shall be imposed;
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1 d) The non-professional driver's license of any person found to have violated
2 Section 5 of this Act shall also be confiscated and suspended for a period of
3 [twelve (12)] EIGHTEEN (18) months for the first conviction and
4 perpetually revoked for the second conviction. The professional driver's
5 license of any person found to have violated Section 5 of this Act 18 shall
6 also be confiscated and perpetually revoked for the first conviction. The
7 perpetual revocation of a driver's license shall disqualify the person from
8 being granted any kind of driver's license thereafter."
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10 **SECTION 2.** Section 16 of Republic Act No. 10586 is hereby amended to read
11 as follows: "SEC. 16. Review of Penalties. – The LTO shall, after five (5) years from
12 the effectivity of this Act and every [five (5)] THREE (3) years thereafter, review
13 the applicability and enforcement of all foregoing pecuniary penalties and shall
14 initiate amendment and/or upgrade the same as may be necessary, subject to the
15 approval of the PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES UPON
16 THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE Secretary of [the DOTC]
17 TRANSPORTATION."
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19 **SECTION 3.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, presidential issuances and
20 other administrative rules and regulation or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the
21 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.
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23 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
24 the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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26 *Approved,*