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HOUSE BILL NO. 10322



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE JENNIFER A. LAGBAS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 10586, the Anti-Drunk and Drugged Driving Act of 2013, already criminalizes driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, but road crash fatalities have continued to climb sharply in recent years. PNP Highway Patrol Group data show 2,747 road-crash deaths in 2024, up 35.3% from 2,030 in 2023, with 19,950 crash incidents recorded from January to August 2025 alone, and reckless driving — including drunk driving, improper overtaking, and speeding — accounted for 87.17% of 2024 incidents. Metro Manila alone logged 62,723 crashes and 332 deaths from January to November 2024. The penalties and fines set in 2013 have not kept pace with this trend, and the current law allows an offender to retain a driver's license while a case is pending, permitting repeat violations before conviction.

Article II, Section 5 of the Constitution directs the State to maintain peace and order and protect the life, liberty, and property of its citizens, the traditional basis for the exercise of police power to regulate conduct that endangers public safety, while the bill's graduated, offense-based penalty structure is consistent with the due process and equal protection guarantees of Article III, Section 1, which permit reasonable classifications based on the severity of harm caused.

To address these gaps, the bill amends Section 5 of RA 10586 to expand punishable acts beyond the driver to cover any person who knowingly allows or provides a vehicle to an intoxicated individual, and any passenger who knowingly rides with a driver known to be impaired. It amends Section 12 to substantially raise fines — from ₱20,000–₱80,000 to ₱50,000–₱100,000 for simple violations, from ₱100,000–₱200,000 to ₱150,000–₱300,000 where injury results, and from ₱300,000–₱500,000 to ₱500,000–₱1,000,000 where death results — and extends the first-offense license suspension from twelve to twenty-four months. It also requires that the offender's license be confiscated and turned over to the Land Transportation Office for the duration of the case, to be released only upon final disposition, closing the gap that previously let offenders keep driving while charges were pending.

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

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AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10586 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
“ANTI-DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING ACT OF 2013”, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 10586 or the “Anti-Drunk and Drugged Driving Act of 2013” is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 5. Punishable Acts. — It shall be unlawful for any person: ~~to drive a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, dangerous drugs and/or other similar substances.~~

(a) TO DRIVE OR OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, DANGEROUS DRUGS, AND/OR OTHER SIMILAR SUBSTANCES;

(b) TO KNOWINGLY ALLOW, PERMIT, OR PROVIDE A MOTOR VEHICLE TO A PERSON WHO IS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, DANGEROUS DRUGS, AND/OR OTHER SIMILAR SUBSTANCES, WHEN SUCH PERSON THEREAFTER OPERATES THE SAME IN VIOLATION OF THIS ACT;

(c) TO KNOWINGLY REQUEST, ENGAGE, OR RELY ON THE SERVICES OF A DRIVER WHO IS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, DANGEROUS DRUGS, AND/OR OTHER SIMILAR SUBSTANCES, AND TO RIDE OR BE TRANSPORTED IN A MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATED BY SUCH DRIVER, WHEN THE DRIVER OPERATES THE SAME IN VIOLATION OF THIS ACT;

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

“SECTION 12. Penalties. — ~~A driver found to have been driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, dangerous drugs and/or other similar substances, as provided for~~ under **ANY PERSON WHO HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION OF** Section 5 of this Act, shall be penalized as follows:

(a) If the violation of Section 5 did not result in physical injuries or homicide, the penalty of three (3) months imprisonment, and a fine ranging from ~~Twenty thousand pesos (Php20,000)~~ **FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 50,000.00)** to ~~Eighty thousand pesos (Php80,000)~~ **ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 100,000.00)** shall be imposed;

(b) If the violation of Section 5 resulted in physical injuries, the penalty provided in Article 263 of the Revised Penal Code or the penalty provided in the next preceding subparagraph, whichever is higher, and a fine ranging from ~~One hundred thousand pesos (Php100,000.00)~~ **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 150,000)** to ~~Two hundred thousand pesos (Php200,000.00)~~ **THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 300,000)** shall be imposed;

(c) If the violation of Section 5 resulted in homicide, the penalty provided in Article 249 of the Revised Penal Code and a fine ranging from ~~Three hundred thousand pesos (Php300,000.00)~~ **FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 500,000)** to ~~Five hundred thousand pesos (Php500,000.00)~~ **ONE MILLION PESOS (PHP 1,000,000)** shall be imposed; and

(d) The nonprofessional driver’s license of any person found to have violated Section 5 of this Act shall also be confiscated and suspended for a period of ~~twelve (12)~~ **TWENTY-FOUR (24)** months for the first conviction and perpetually revoked for the second conviction. The professional driver’s license of any person found to have violated Section 5 of this Act shall also be confiscated and perpetually revoked for the first conviction. The perpetual revocation of a driver’s license shall disqualify the person from being granted any kind of driver’s license thereafter. **PROVIDED, THAT DURING THE PENDENCY OF THE CASE, THE DRIVER’S LICENSE SHALL BE CONFISCATED AND TURNED OVER TO THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE, AND SHALL BE RELEASED ONLY UPON THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE CASE.**

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SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* — Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Land Transportation Office shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.* — Should any provision or part of this Act be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions and parts hereof, insofar as they are separable from the invalid ones, shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, decrees, letters of instruction, executive orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,