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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State is tasked to maintain peace and order and protect the life and limb of motorists and commuters alike as they routinely take to the streets for work or for leisure or for other reasons.

Presently, however, the rules and procedures for the accreditation of driving schools do not include truck driver education. While the regulation of driving schools has significantly improved the education and skills of drivers, truck drivers, specifically, have to be educated on the intricacies of driving their vehicles in view of their size and weight. This will ensure road safety for motorists and the commuting public as well as protect and preserve properties from damage or destruction.

This bill addresses this concern by proposing mandatory truck driver education.

This bill was filed during the 16th Congress but was not taken up due to time constraints. This is re-filed for the consideration of the 17th Congress.

Support for the enactment of this measure is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT REQUIRING DRIVER'S EDUCATION FOR ALL PROFESSIONAL TRUCK
DRIVERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Professional Truck Driver’s Education Act”.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to maintain peace and order, protect life, liberty and property and shall promote the general welfare for the enjoyment by all the people.

SEC. 3. *Professional Truck Driver Education Program.* – All establishments employing professional truck drivers shall secure for them a professional truck driver’s education and safety program to be conducted by an accredited driving school.

SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Land Transportation Office (LTO) shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Penalty.* – The LTO may suspend or revoke any license or certificate issued for the operation of commercial trucks and vehicles for violation of any provision of this Act.

SEC. 6. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the existing appropriation of the LTO. Thereafter, the amounts needed for the full implementation of this Act shall be included in the budget of the LTO in the succeeding in General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part thereof is declared invalid of unconstitutional, the remainder of the law not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. *Effectivity* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,