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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Almost everyday, the report of vehicular accident's in our country is rapidly increasing as the number of vehicles continue to increase. There is therefore a need for a mandatory seminar specially to Public Utility Vehicle driver's who ferry more passengers. As an observation in Metro Manila alone, bus driver's doesn't know the proper use of signal light. The use of hazard light entitles them to shift from one lane to another in a split second. Public utility driver's doesn't know anymore the proper loading and unloading of passengers. These simple error's have been causing casualties here in the city.

In this light, it is believed that all public transportation drivers must undergo a mandatory seminar that will enable them to have a firm grasp and working understanding of the country's traffic rules and regulations. Through this endeavor, public utility vehicle drivers will become partners of the government in promoting orderly and safer roads for all.

Last 15th and 16th Congress, BUHAY Hayaan Yumabong Party List proposed this Bill and was referred to the Committee on Transportation for deliberation. We are for the safety of public commuter's thus we are seeking again for the passage of this Bill.



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AN ACT

**REQUIRING MANDATORY SEMINAR ON TRAFFIC RULES AND
REGULATIONS FOR ALL PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLE DRIVERS.**

*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 "**Mandatory Seminar for PUV Drivers Act of 2017.**"

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is the policy of the State to promote order and safety in streets, highways and public thoroughfares. To this end, it shall be the policy of the State to instill discipline in public utility vehicle drivers by ensuring their knowledge and understanding of traffic rules and regulations.

SEC. 3. Mandatory Seminar for PUV Drivers. - The Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC), through its proper agency, shall conduct periodic mandatory seminars for all public utility vehicle (PUV) drivers.

SEC. 4. Subject of the Seminar. - The seminar shall tackle existing traffic rules and regulations as well as defensive driving tips.

SEC. 5. - Practical Examination. - The DOTC, through its proper agency, shall conduct a practical examination to be taken by each PUV driver finishing the seminar. The examination shall determine whether the PUV driver can effectively apply what he or she has learned during the seminar.

SEC. 6. Requirement for Driver's License. - All PUV drivers shall undergo the mandatory seminar and pass the practical examination before a driver's license or a renewal thereof can be issued to them. A provisional driver's license may be issued to a potential licensee pending the holding of the seminar and examination.

SEC. 7. - DOTC Personnel Training. - The DOTC shall ensure that it has adequate personnel qualified to conduct the seminar. The DOTC shall provide regular training opportunities for such personnel.

SEC. 8. - Private Sector Participation. - The DOTC shall encourage participation from the private sector in the conduct of the seminar. Private sector resource persons shall be invited and welcomed.

SEC. 9. – *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The DOTC, in coordination with the Land Transportation Office (LTO) and the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB), shall formulate the necessary guidelines and promulgate rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 10. *Appropriation.* – Such sums as may be necessary for the immediate implementation of the provisions of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Thereafter, funds for its implementation shall be included in the regular appropriations of the DOTC.

SEC. 11. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 12. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 13. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect 15 days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation,

Approved,



Hon. Mariano Michael M. Velarde Jr.