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HOUSE BILL No. 3402



Introduced by RAM Party-list REPRESENTATIVE ALOYSIA T. LIM

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The issue of road accidents is a major and pressing health concern especially in low to middle-income economies. It is one of the top ten causes of deaths, globally. At the same time, economic loss due to road crashes affects not just the victims and their families but also the country, in general.

The World Health Organization (WHO) in its 2018 Global Report on Road Safety, indicated that traffic deaths continue to rise, claiming 1.35M lives in 2016. In the same year, 12,690 Filipinos died due to road crash. The same report stated that traffic injuries are the leading causes of death among children and young adults ages 5-29 years. It is also estimated that economic losses caused by such accidents cost 1-3% of the country's Gross National Product (GNP).

Based on the 2018 Metro Manila Accident Reporting and Analysis System (MMARAS) Annual Report of the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA), road crash claimed 394 lives in Metro Manila. That figure translates to an average of 1.04 deaths, a day. The greatest casualties are adults 18-34 years of age. Not far from the findings of the WHO, pedestrians are still the highest fatality in road accidents.

Engineering solutions and innovations are not enough to reduce road fatalities and arrest the rising incidence of road accidents. Legislations on road safety can only do so much to protect our citizens. A change in road user's behavior is imperative.

The school, as an institution with the widest reach and as a government establishment that forms the young minds, is the best venue to promote and instill road safety. It is, therefore, the aim of this measure to integrate road safety in the curriculum of the basic education program.

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


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**AN ACT INTEGRATING ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION IN THE CURRICULUM OF THE BASIC
EDUCATION (K to 12) PROGRAM**

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title:* This Act shall be known as “Road Safety Education Act of 2019”.

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy:* It is hereby the policy of the State to ensure the safety and security of its citizens through road safety infrastructures, legislations and programs. Further, the State recognizes that road accidents and deaths are urgent national health and development concerns.

SECTION 3. *Road Safety Education:* Road Safety Education is a learning process that teaches skills, provides knowledge and improves behavior for safe commuter and driver traffic participation.

SECTION 4. *Integration into the Curriculum:* Curriculum or cross-curriculum-based Road Safety subject is hereby integrated in the K to 12 Program.

SECTION 5. *Ad-hoc Committee on Road Safety Curriculum:* An Ad-hoc Committee shall be created, composed of official representatives from the Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Transportation (DOTr), Land Transportation Office (LTO), Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board, and Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA), to craft the road safety curriculum. The Committee shall conduct public hearings and consultations to the stakeholders relative thereto. It shall be under the Department of Education (DepEd) and chaired by the Secretary of Education or her official representative.

SECTION 6. *Rules and Regulations:* The Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Transportation (DOTr), Land Transportation Office (LTO), Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) and Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act within thirty (30) days from its effectivity.

SECTION 7. *Appropriations:* The funds needed for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the budget of the Department of Education under the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 8. *Separability Clause:* Should any provision herein be declared unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not affected shall be in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. *Repealing Clause:* All laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations and issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended, accordingly.

SECTION 10. *Effectivity:* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the *Official Gazette* or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,