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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20

Submitted by the Committee on Transportation on SEP 16 2019

Re : House Bill No. 4611

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 698 and 4166

Sponsor : Representative Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Transportation to which were referred:

House Bill No. 698, introduced by Reps. Ria Christina G. Farinas and Rudys Caesar G. Farinas I. entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE THIRD SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD CRASH VICTIMS, SURVIVORS, AND THEIR BEREAVED FAMILIES”

House Bill No. 4166, introduced by Rep. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento, Entitled:

“AN ACT DESIGNATING THE 3RD SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD CRASH VICTIMS, SURVIVORS, AND THEIR FAMILIES, ENSURING ITS MEANINGFUL OBSERVANCE”

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 4611, entitled:

**“AN ACT DESIGNATING THE THIRD SUNDAY OF
NOVEMBER EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL DAY
OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD CRASH VICTIMS,
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MEANINGFUL OBSERVANCE”**

be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 698 and 4166 with Representatives Ria Christina G. Farinas, Rudys Caesar G. Farinas I, Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento, Sergio C. Dagooc, Gavini C. Pancho, Leonardo L. Babasa, Jr., Claudine Diana D. Bautista, Aloy Lim, Marisol C. Panotes, Eric M. Martinez, Romulo “Kid” Pena, Jr., Micaela S. Violago, Gerardo P. Valmayor, Jr., Jose L. Ong, Jr., Manuel F. Zubiri, Jr., Dale R. Malapitan, Gabriel H. Bordado, Jr., Manuel Luis T. Lopez, John Reynald M. Tiangco and Frederick W. Siao. as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



REP. EDGAR MARY S. SARMIENTO
Chairman
Committee on Transportation

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4611

(In substitution of House Bills No. 698 and 4166)

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OBSERVANCE

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

1 **SECTION 1. Title.** – This Act shall be known as the "National Day of
2 Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, Survivors, and their Families Act."

3 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is the policy of the State to propagate a
4 society that values human life and a citizenry that is keenly aware of the causes,
5 consequences and costs of road crash deaths and injuries. Pursuant thereto, the
6 State shall advocate road safety through all forms of mass media and by observing a
7 day of remembrance for the victims of road crashes and the unfortunate loss
8 suffered by their families and communities..

9 **SEC. 3. National Day of Remembrance.** – Every third Sunday of November of
10 each year is hereby declared as the "National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash
11 Victims, Survivors, and their Families."

12 **SEC. 4. Mandatory Activities.** – To ensure the meaningful observance of the
13 National Day of Remembrance as herein declared, the Department of Transportation

(DOTr), in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Land Transportation Office (LTO), Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) and Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), shall ensure the implementation of the following programs and activities:

a) Commemorative ceremonies, including wreath-laying offerings, candlelight vigil, solidarity march and special assemblies, shall be observed in provinces, cities and municipalities nationwide for road crash victims and survivors, involving their families and support groups.

As a sign of support, local government units (LGUs) are encouraged to put up memorials and tributes in strategic local public spaces or road networks to commemorate the lives that were lost and/or injured and to promote road safety to the public.

b) Special recognition shall be given to public officers, private stakeholders, volunteers and organizations who are instrumental in saving lives or supporting victims, survivors and their families.

c) In coordination with the Department of Health, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of Justice and other concerned agencies, the DOTr shall conduct multi-sectoral symposia, conferences or consultations focusing on (1) how to improve the trauma care system and emotional support programs given to victims, survivors and their families; (2) how to improve the legal response, including resolution of pending cases and investigations and immediate compensation of victims and/or their families; and (3) how to improve the road safety situation by addressing the key risk factors to prevent the occurrence of similar road crash incidents.

d) The DOTr, with the assistance of other government agencies and private stakeholders, shall conduct public awareness campaigns that provide a platform to victims and survivors of road crashes, including their families, to advocate for road safety.

e) The government shall launch and maintain a government website or a social media platform dedicated to road safety awareness which shall include a database registry that honors road crash victims and survivors.

f) The flag-raising ceremonies in government offices the day or week immediately after the "National Day of Remembrance" shall be dedicated

1 to road crash victims, survivors and their families, and shall provide a
2 platform for bereaved or affected employees to advocate the need for road
3 safety.

4 g) Other related programs and activities as may be determined in the
5 Implementing rules and regulations.

6 **SEC. 5. DOTr as Lead Agency.** – The DOTr shall be the lead agency in the
7 meaningful observance of the National Day of Remembrance each year. In
8 collaboration with public and private stakeholders, national and/or local steering
9 committees may also be created for effective observance of the said event.

10 **SEC. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The DOTr shall, in
11 collaboration with the DILG, LTO, LTFRB, MMDA and other concerned agencies and
12 stakeholders, shall promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations
13 within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act.

14 **SEC. 7. Separability Clause.** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this
15 Act is declared invalid, such declaration shall not affect other provisions of this Act.

16 **SEC.8. Repealing Clause.** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
17 executive order, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or inconsistent
18 with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

19 **SEC. 9. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
20 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

21 Approved,

FACT SHEET

(In substitution of HBs 698 and 4166)
(As approved on 28 August 2019)

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*Committee Referrals: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Committee Chairperson: HON. EDGAR MARY S. SARMIENTO*

OBJECTIVE:

- To promote and improve road safety by increasing public awareness on the causes, consequences and costs of road accidents resulting to loss of lives and injuries and through observing a day of remembrance of the needless loss of lives on account of road mishaps and irresponsible road and vehicular use
- KEY PROVISIONS:
- Declares the 3rd day of November of every year as the "National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, Survivors and their Families";
- Mandates the Department of Transportation (DOTr) being the lead agency, in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Land Transportation Office (LTO), Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB), Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), Department of Health, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of Justice and local government units to implement various nationwide activities aimed at increasing awareness such as: 1) the conduct of commemorative ceremonies and putting up of memorials and

tributes; 2) recognition of volunteer groups and private organizations which are instrumental in saving lives and extending assistance to road victims; 3) the conduct of multi-sectoral symposia, conferences and consultations to improve accident response mechanisms, fast-track litigations and compensation to victims, and alleviate road safety situation by addressing key risk factors;

- Mandates the government to establish and maintain a website and social media platform dedicated to road safety awareness; and
- Directs the DOTr, in collaboration with the concerned government agencies and stakeholders, to promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations within sixty (6) days from the effectivity of the measure.

RELATED LAWS:

- Republic Act No. 4136 or the Land Transportation and Traffic Code, as amended