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HOUSE BILL NO. 3196

Introduced by Representative Lorenz R. Defensor

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Incidents of accidents involving drivers of both private and public utility vehicles considerably rise at an alarming rate. Available data from the World Health Organization global status report on road safety, reveal that road traffic deaths continue to rise in the Philippines. With an estimated 10,012 deaths in 2015, a 25.75% increase in the number of deaths or 12,690 was recorded in 2016.

Traffic violations, on the other hand, likewise rise at an alarming rate. In Metro Manila alone, the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) recorded 250,219 apprehensions in 2016, a 19.95% increase from the total of 208,602 apprehensions in 2015. The Land Transportation Office recorded 710,759 traffic violations nationwide in 2016, representing an increase of 22.98% from the total of 577,958 recorded in 2015.

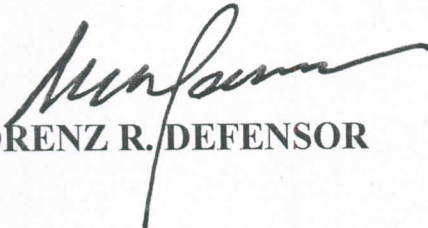
According to Mr. Richard S. Domingo, MMDA's former road safety unit officer, now assigned at the Traffic Discipline Office, human error has been the top cause of road crashes in Metro Manila. Human error is associated with bad habits that include drivers suffering from medical conditions such as dizziness and asthma, drivers who are tired or fall asleep at the wheels, and drivers under the influence of alcohol.

Mr. Domingo suggested ways in curbing road crashes, such as, improving public awareness through education and having road discipline, among others.

In order to educate our drivers and instill road discipline amongst them, it is essential that we institutionalize a mandatory driver re-education program.

The program aims to re-educate drivers on basic LTO policies, road safety, road rage, anger management, attitudinal driving, traffic signs, road pavements, driver alertness, speed awareness, defensive driving, change course and other subject areas. The re-education of drivers will effectively reduce traffic violations and eventually lessen road traffic deaths.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

**PROVIDING FOR MANDATORY RE-EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR
ALL MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVERS ONCE EVERY FIVE (5) YEARS**

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

SECTION 1. All holders of a driver's license issued by the Land
Transportation Office (LTO) shall undergo a one (1) day Mandatory Driver Re-
education Program, hereinafter referred to as "*Program*," once every five (5)
years. The Program shall not be less than four (4) hours but not to exceed eight
(8) hours. A certificate of attendance or participation shall be issued and the
name of the driver shall be entered in the data base of the LTO for monitoring
purposes. Renewal of a driver's license shall not be processed unless the driver
has successfully completed the prescribed number of hours of the Program.

SEC. 2. The Strategic Planning and Policy Group of the LTO, in
coordination with the Traffic Safety Division, shall formulate the modules of
the Program under the following subjects:

(a) Basic LTO policies;

1 (b) Road safety;

2 (c) Road rage, anger management and attitudinal driving;

3 (d) Traffic signs and road pavements; and

4 (e) Other subject areas as the LTO may deem appropriate in instilling
5 road discipline like driver alertness, defensive driving, speed awareness, change
6 course, and the like.

7 SEC. 3. The LTO may charge a minimal fee for the conduct of the
8 Program to compensate administrative expenses for training materials, snacks,
9 per diems of lecturers and facilitators, rental of venue and sound systems, and
10 other miscellaneous or incidental expenses.

11 SEC. 4. The program fee for government officials and employees
12 shall be shouldered by their respective agencies. Fees for drivers of private
13 companies and family drivers shall be shouldered by their respective employers.
14 All other drivers shall pay personally their own fees for the Program.

15 SEC. 5. Government officials and employees who are holders of the
16 license issued by the LTO shall be the first to undergo the Program within one
17 (1) year after the effectivity of this Act. Drivers holding professional license
18 shall fulfil the Program within two (2) years, and for drivers holding non-
19 professional license, within three (3) years.

20 SEC. 6. For the first five (5) years after the effectivity of this Act,
21 drivers of public utility vehicles (PUV) who have already attended the
22 prescribed training or seminar administered by the Land Transportation

1 Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) pursuant to LTFRB Memorandum
2 Circular No. 2017-013 dated June 16, 2017, are excluded from the Program
3 administered by the LTO under this Act. After the period of five (5) years, the
4 LTFRB shall provide a continuing program for the re-education of PUV drivers
5 every five (5) years.

6 SEC. 7. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the
7 Administrator of the LTO, in coordination with the Secretary of Transportation
8 and the Chairperson of the LTFRB, shall promulgate rules and regulations to
9 implement the provisions of this Act.

10 SEC. 8. All laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with
11 this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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

14 Approved,