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HOUSE BILL NO. 442



Introduced by HONORABLE STRIKE B. REVILLA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Arguably one of the greatest accomplishments of the 15th Congress is the passing of the K+12 program which aims to better equip our youth with a more comprehensive education system and catapult knowledge levels to be at par with the rest of the world. With this program now slowly being integrated into our country's educational system, we as legislators must not rest on our laurels, instead we must continually find ways to build up and strengthen this new program.

The very essence of K+12 is to ensure that our high school graduates are more holistically educated, and since the ultimate goal is to produce individuals that are technically and mentally matured and conditioned to function in the society, I believe that Road Safety Education should be included in the curriculum. It is alarming to note that a lot of adults today have little or no knowledge of basic road safety and traffic rules and regulations. Studies show that many road accidents and mishaps resulted from ignorance or false understanding of traffic rules and regulations. In today's era of communication and transportation, common sense dictates that everyone should have at least a basic understanding of this. I regret to admit that this is something that we have unfortunately overlooked.

It is high time that we address this deficiency to produce more well-rounded individuals as well as increase the safety and efficiency of road traffic. I urge my colleagues to see the merits of this proposal and work together with me for the immediate passage of this bill.

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AN ACT REQUIRING THE TEACHING OF ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION AS PART OF THE CURRICULUM OF THE K+12 PROGRAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

- SECTION 1. It is the duty of the State to promulgate policies that will ensure a safe, viable and dependable road safety system in the country in order to protect the welfare of the general public.
- Sec. 2. Road safety education, which includes but not limited to pedestrian safety, car passenger safety, driving safety, safety near roads, traffic signage, is hereby required to be part of the curriculum for the K+12 Program.
- Sec. 3. The Department of Education (DepEd), in coordination with the Land Transportation Office (LTO), shall adopt the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.
- Sec. 4. The funds needed for the purpose of implementing this Act shall be sourced from the Road Safety Fund which is 7.5% of the Motor Vehicles User's Charge.
- Sec. 5. All laws, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
- **Sec. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.