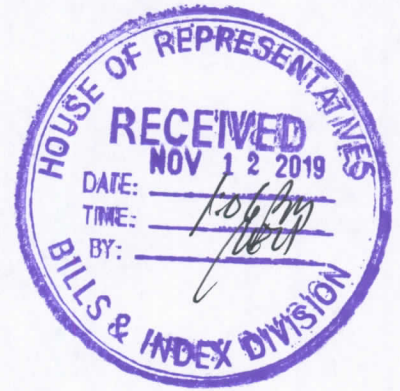


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House Bill No. **5435**



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE ERIC L. OLIVAREZ**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the policy of the state to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. It is also the policy of the state to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. To be able to further these policies of the state, it is best believed that promoting the use of bicycles is a mode of transportation which will elevate the health of the people and at the same time provide for a more environment-friendly mode of transportation.

This Bill seeks to recognize bicycles as an alternative mode of transportation. In addition, this Bill provides for the creation of bicycle lanes across the main roads in the country which will provide for safety for the bicycle riders as they traverse the main roads along with motorized vehicles. Restrictions for bicycle riders are also provided for in this Bill to be able to ensure discipline of bicycle riders.

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


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**AN ACT PROMOTING AND RECOGNIZING BICYCLES AS AN
ALTERNATIVE MODE OF TRANSPORTATION,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title - This Act shall be known as the "The
National Bicycle Act of 2019."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy – It is hereby the declared
policy of the State to create measures in the promotion of the health
of the Filipinos along with the advancement of the right of the people
to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and
harmony of nature. It is also declared a policy of the state to
determine alternative modes of transportation that will help in
lessening the financial burdens of the Filipinos.

SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms* –

- a. “Bicycle” refers to a device that a person may ride which is propelled by human power and has two (2) tandem wheels, at least 1 (one) of which is more than fourteen (14) meters;
- b. “Bicycle Rider” refers to a person who rides or travels by bicycle
- c. “Bicycle Lane” refers to any longitudinal strips designated for the passage of bicycles.

SECTION 4. *Bicycle as part of the Transportation Plan* –

The comprehensive plan of the Department of Transportation shall recognize the use of bicycles as an alternative mode of transportation and shall integrate the development of the necessary infrastructures to support and promote biking.

SECTION 5. *Creation of Bicycle Lanes* – All main roads and highways shall be provided with Bicycle lanes or Bikeways under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways and in coordination with the concerned Local Government Units.

The bike lanes shall be clearly identified with signs or pavement markings. Motor vehicles are prohibited from being driven or parked on any bike lane.

SECTION 6. *Parking and Other Bike Parking Facilities* – All public places, government offices, schools, major business establishments, and the like are required to provide adequate bicycle racks for bicycle parking.

SECTION 7. *Restrictions* – The following are restrictions imposed upon bicycle riders:

- a. No person shall carry more persons than what the bicycle is designed to carry;

- b. A bicycle rider must no ride a bicycle on a sidewalk or crosswalk;
- c. Bicycles may not be parked in areas other than those specifically designated as bicycle parking;
- d. All bicycle riders shall obey all official traffic control signs and other control devices applicable to vehicles.

SECTION 8. Appropriations - The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual appropriation of the Department of Transportation and the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SECTION 9. Separability Clause - If any provision of this Act is declared invalid, the remainder or any of this provision hereof not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 10. Repealing Clause - All laws, decrees, executive orders, presidential issuances and other administrative rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. Effectivity - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,