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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez*

House Bill No. 2794

EXPLANATORY NOTE

With the ever increasing prices of petroleum products, more and more Filipinos turn to other modes of transportation that would help them reduce their dependence on oil, which leads them to motorcycles and even bicycles. Also, the heavy reliance on motor vehicles/cars promotes an unhealthy lifestyle and is causing terrible traffic congestion, unnecessary stress, and even countless accidents.

However, while there are benefits produced by shifting to motorcycles and bicycles, it cannot be denied that there are also negative effects. One of this is the increase of accidents involving motorcycles and even bicycles. These accidents are caused by both the motor vehicle driver and the motorcycles and bicycle rider. Motor vehicles tend to have no respect for motorcycles and bicycles and would ignore them on the streets while motorcycles and bicycles tempt faith by weaving thru traffic undisciplined and without any concern for their fellow motorists. Also, these motorcycles and bicycles tend to ignore traffic laws and would enter one way streets, go against the flow of traffic and would ignore traffic lights.

One solution to this is to designate a motorcycle and bicycle lane in all the streets in the country and since this is a very daunting task, we should start first in our own backyards. This is why this bill is filed mandating the designation of motorcycle and bicycle lanes in Cagayan de Oro City. A motorcycle and bicycle lane would instill discipline and ensure that these motorcycles and bicycles stay where they ought to be on the streets and hopefully prevent accidents and encourage motorists to shift to motorcycles and bicycles and lessen the country's dependence of petroleum products and help preserve the environment that we have.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

  
RUFUS B. RODRIGUEZ

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AN ACT

MANDATING THE DESIGNATION OF A ONE-METER LANE IN THE RIGHT-MOST SIDE/PORTION OF ALL NATIONAL ARTERIAL AND SECONDARY ROADS IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE USE OF MOTORCYCLES AND BICYCLES, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

**SECTION 1** – A bike lane is hereby mandated to be designated in all the national arterial and secondary roads of Cagayan de Oro City.

This bike lane shall be designated in the right-most portion of the street next to the sidewalk and shall be one meter in width. These bike lanes shall be known as the Respect for Bike Riders Lane.

These bike lanes shall be for the preferential or exclusive use of motorcycles and bicycles and shall not be obstructed by a parked, temporarily stopped or waiting motor vehicle or any other object, construction, and other similar obstructions. The bike lanes shall be clearly marked and made identifiable by striping with signing or striping with pavement markings and shall be segregated from all vehicular traffic.

**SEC. 2** Definition of Terms. – For the purposes of this Act, the following terms shall have their respective meanings:

- a.) "Bicycle" refers to a device that a person may ride that is propelled by human power and has two tandem wheels;
- b.) "Motorcycle" refers to a device that a person may ride that is propelled by electric or gas engine and has two tandem wheels;
- c.) "Motor vehicle" means a self-propelled vehicle or any vehicle propelled by any power other than muscular power;

For purposes of this Act, the term "bike" shall include bicycles and motorcycles.

**SEC. 3** Penal Sanction. - Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Act by obstructing the bike lane or by illegally entering the bike lane shall merit a traffic violation fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000).

**Sec. 4** Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to ensure the effective implementation of this Act.

**Sec. 5** Appropriations – The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of the DPWH. Thereafter, such sum for the continuing operations and the proper implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**Sec. 6 Separability Clause.** - If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

**Sec. 7 Repealing Clause.** - All laws, presidential decrees, letters of instruction, executive orders, rules and regulations, or any part thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Sec. 8 Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,