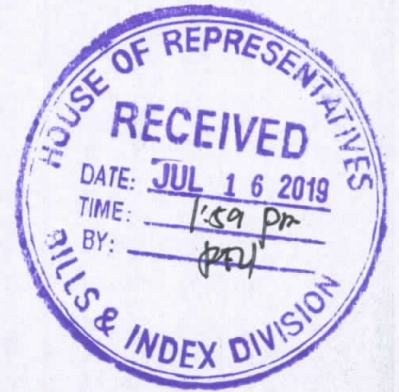


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The biggest contributing factor that causes the road accidents in our country is the disobedience to traffic laws. Many individual neglects and ignore simple traffic rules that may cause the loss of life, injury and damage to property.

Some individual drives recklessly or without reasonable caution which the circumstances dictate. This kind of behavior endangers the property, safety and rights of another person that causes obstruction in the roads which result to heavy traffic.

The purpose of this bill is to require all motor vehicles to have a copy of the “Rules of the Road Handbook” which contains the rules on proper behavior, road safety, defensive driving and traffic discipline.

In consideration of the foregoing premises, the passage of the bill is urgently sought.

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

Section 1. Title. This act shall be known as the "Rules of the Road Handbook Act".

Section 2. State Policy. It is the policy of the state to recognize the vital role of communication and information in nation building, as well as to protect the right of its citizens in ensuring safe road passage.

Section 3. Responsibilities of agencies.

The Land Transportation Office is hereby mandated to compile traffic rules and regulations into single understandable handbook entitle such the "Rules of the Road Handbook", as well as publish and distribute the same.

In addition, the LTO is tasked to inform vehicle owners of the requirement to maintain a copy of the handbook within the motor vehicle when operating the same, upon registration/renewal of the motor vehicle, which is mandatory and prerequisite for annual motor vehicle registration.

The Department of Information and Communication Technology (DICT) is hereby mandated to create an official program or application which will contain all details and text of the *Rules of the Road Handbook*, making available the program or application for public use and copy.

Section 4. Rules of the Road Handbook.

The "Rules of the Road Handbook" shall contain but not limited to the following:

- a) All applicable rules of Chapter IV "Traffic Rules" of Republic Act 4136
- b) Corresponding step by step pictures, graphs and available legal actions per traffic situation, ex: picture of appropriate movements within a rotunda, or proper actions to be taken when overtaking in a highway.
- c) Proper actions, contact numbers, and safety tips when involved and or witness to an accident, ensuring that damages are mitigated and crucial first few minutes after a serious accident are properly facilitated.
- d) Summary in either graph or text form of applicable offenses and corresponding up to date penalties.

Persons Covered.

In addition to having a properly maintained motor vehicle as provided for in R.A 4136 and, corresponding and proper driver's license, all persons operating a motor vehicle whether public or private must have a copy whether digital or in print of the *Rules of the Road Handbook* in the motor vehicle while operating the same.

Section 5. *Liabilities.*

Failure to possess a copy whether digital or in print of the “*Rules of the Road Handbook*” shall constitute violation.

Section 6. *Penalties and fines.*

- a) For failure to present a copy of the *Rules of the Road Handbook* either digital or in print when operating a motor vehicle, warning reprimand on first offense, a fine of three hundred pesos (Php 300.00) for the second, and five hundred pesos (Php 500.00) for the third and succeeding offenses.
- b) For any and all violations pertaining to Chapter IV of Republic Act 4136, oral recitation of specific passage from the “*Rules of the Road Handbook*” particularly those found within Chapter IV of Republic Act 4136 titled: Traffic Rules. Exempted are those in need of immediate medical treatment, in cases of a medical emergency, or in life threatening situations such as but not limited during natural disasters.
- c) *Punishment for other offenses.* – The conviction of any person for any offense under this Act shall not bar his prosecution for any other offense which have been committed by such person concurrently with the commission of the offense of which he was convicted or in ding the act of series of acts which constituted the offense of which constituted the offense of which he was convicted.

Section 8. *Repealing Clause.*

All laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 9. *Separability Clause.*

If for any reason any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional on invalid, such parts or portion not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 10. *Repealing Clause*

All acts, decrees, general orders and circular, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed accordingly.

Section 11. *Effectivity.*

This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

