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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 5 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides:

"The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy."

Motorcycles are lightweight vehicles that are effective in navigating around heavy traffic. However, motorcycles are exposed to risks because they are less stable, visible, and prone to various road hazards. Therefore, it is necessary for motorcycle riders to adhere extra precautions on the road.

Numerous motorcycle accidents occur in the Philippines that either kill or injure passengers, drivers and pedestrians. Therefore, it is necessary to provide additional guidelines regarding proper safety measures to avoid the instances of motorcycle accidents.

In lieu of this, the proposed measure seeks to include in the requirements for the registration of motorcycles a certificate of completion from the

Motorcycle Safety Training Program that demonstrates and enhances the rider's knowledge regarding road safety.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

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

Section 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the "Motorcycle Safety Training Act of 2019."

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Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect and promote the well-being and health of the people. It is also the policy of the State to promote awareness and instill consciousness among Filipinos, especially those who are purchasing motor vehicles, on the importance of road safety. Towards this end, the State shall mandate a motorcycle safety training program on the pertinent road safety standards, regulations and laws in order to promote compliance and prevent the occurrence of motorcycle road accidents.

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Sec. 3. *Motorcycle Safety Training*. – A mandatory motorcycle safety training for motorcycle owners shall be conducted by the Land Transportation Office (LTO). A certificate bearing the name of the motorcycle owner shall immediately be released to the latter upon completion of the training.

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Sec. 4. Registration of Motorcycles. – The LTO shall include as a prerequisite in registration of motorcycles the submission of the certificate of completion in the Motorcycle Safety Training Program issued by the LTO. The LTO shall maintain a record of the submitted certificates and shall produce the same when there exists a claim of falsity of the document.

Sec. 5. Training Program and Manual. – The Department of Transportation (DOTr) and the Land Transportation Office (LTO), in consultation with road safety advocates and organizations, shall establish a Comprehensive Motorcycle Safety Training Program and Manual which shall include, but not be limited to, driving rules and regulations, driving courtesy, driving safety, road hazards, and vehicle safety features. The Comprehensive Motorcycle Safety Training Program and Manual shall be used by the LTO in the conduct of its training for motorcycle owners.

Supplementary topics related to road safety issues and drivers' education may be added periodically to further enhance the awareness and knowledge of the motorcycle owners.

Sec. 6. *Penalties.* – A motor vehicle registration issued to an owner of a motorcycle, which has been fraudulently obtained by falsifying a certificate of completion shall be revoked and the motorcycle owner shall be fined in the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00).

Any officer or employee of the LTO who has allowed the registration of a motorcycle without the necessary certificate of completion required under Section 4 of this Act or with knowledge of the falsity of the document shall be suspended from the LTO for a period of six (6) months without pay.

Penalties enumerated herein shall be without prejudice to the liability that may be incurred under the Revised Penal Code and other existing laws.

Sec. 7. Nationwide Public Information Campaign. – The DOTr, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and Philippine Information Agency (PIA) shall undertake a nationwide information education and communication (IEC) campaign for a period of six (6) months for the attainment of the objectives of this Act.

Sec. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations*. – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOTr, together with the LTO, shall promulgate and issue the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act.

Sec. 9. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

Sec. 10. *Repealing Clause*. – All acts, executive orders, administrative orders, proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 11. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,