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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Road signs and pavement markings are put up to guide, warn and regulate the flow of traffic to ensure the safety of everyone using the road network. Almost every motorist and pedestrian is familiar with the common road signs seen on the roads they regularly use. However, some localities in the country adopt their own versions of road signs, deviating from what is already known and common to the public. This often results to confusion and unnecessary inconvenience of motorists and pedestrians alike. That is why standards must be met in making and putting up these road signs so as to avoid any confusion or misinterpretation by road users that may result to accidents or untoward incidents on the road.

The Philippines is a signatory to the Vienna Convention on Road Signs and Signals. Thus, we must increase road safety and aid international road traffic by standardizing the road signs and pavement markings in the entire country in accordance with international standards.

For the reasons cited above, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
STANDARDIZING ROAD SIGNS AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS IN THE ENTIRE
PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “*Standard Road Signs and Pavement Markings Act.*”

Sec. 2. Statement of Policy. – It is the policy of the State to protect the welfare and safety of the riding public, road users and pedestrians. The State shall endeavor to ensure that the roads and highways all over the country shall be safe for all who use them. To this end, road signs and pavement markings should be standard and uniform throughout the country to avoid confusion and misinterpretation by motorists and pedestrians.

Sec. 3. Standard Road Signs and Pavement Markings. – All road signs and pavement markings shall conform to the standard font of the letters, font size, font color, background color, size and other dimensions of all road signs and pavement markings prescribed by the Department of Public Works and Highways DPWH pursuant to the Vienna Convention on Road Signs. It is hereby given the authority to remove or cause the removal of road signs and pavement markings that do not conform to such standards.

Sec. 4. Implementing Agencies. – The DPWH in coordination with the Department of Transportation (DoTR) shall determine and prescribe the necessary and proper standards to follow with regard to road signs and pavement markings. The DPWH and the DoTR shall come up with the implementing rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act within ninety (90) days from its effectivity.

Sec. 5. Appropriations. – The budgetary allocation needed to carry out the provisions of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated in the General Appropriations Act of the year immediately following its enactment.

Sec. 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

Sec. 7. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or is inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Sec. 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,