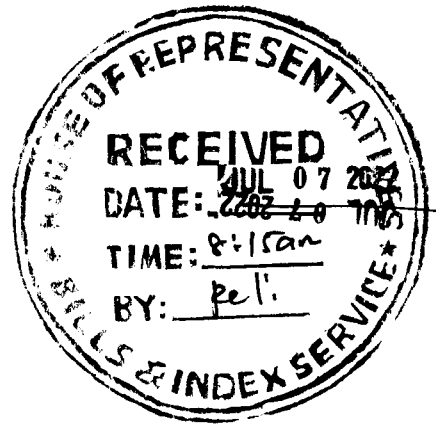


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Road rage has been defined as any act that exhibits any hostile or violent driving or aggressive road behavior of a driver toward another driver or drivers on the road.

Since 2004, road rage incidents have started to increase all over the world by as much as 1,000 percent as drivers have become more aggressive on the road and in traffic. This worldwide phenomenon of violent outbursts often led to traffic jams, vehicular accidents, physical injuries and even death.

In the Philippines, road rage cases are on the rise. Recent road rage statistics showed that 8 out of 10 drivers admit to exhibiting aggressive behavior at least once a year, while 9 out of 10 drivers think of aggressive driving as a threat to their personal safety.

A new report by the World Health Organization (WHO) indicates road traffic deaths continue to rise in the Philippines, with estimated 12,690 deaths in 2016. The WHO Global Status Report on Road Safety 2018 also highlights that road traffic injuries are now the leading killer of children and young people aged 5-29 years around the world.

In Metro Manila, one person is killed in a road crash every 21 hours, according to statistics from the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority. These casualties come from the 90,258 road crash incidents recorded in 2014 involving all manner of road crashes, from multiple collisions to hit-and-runs. A significant portion of these road crashes was due to road rage.

This bill seeks to address the rising incidents of road rage by imposing penalties on erring motorists to make our roads safer for all users.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is urged.


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**AN ACT
PENALIZING ACTS OF ROAD RAGE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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 Anti-Road Rage Act.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is the policy of the State to make roads safer for all – pedestrians and motorists alike. In this light, policies must therefore be established to protect all road users from all acts of road rage that not only cause unwarranted road obstruction but physical harm and even death in extreme cases.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. - Road Rage as defined in this Act is referred to any aggressive, hostile or violent behavior in traffic or on the road by a motorist which may include mild to moderate screaming, wild gesturing at others, cursing or using bad language, physical attack at another or an attempt thereof, reckless driving, any kinds of threat or intimidation, any use of force against another person and other analogous circumstances.

SECTION 4. Penalty. - Any person who engages in Road Rage as defined in this shall be penalized with an imprisonment of not less than six months but not more than six years and/or a fine of not less than P250,000.00.

SECTION 5. Revocation of Driver's License. – The driver's license of a person who engages in Road Rage shall be revoked and shall not be eligible for renewal for the next five (5) years following the Road Rage episode.

SECTION 6. Independent Action. – Nothing in this Act shall preclude a victim of Road Rage from instituting a separate action for damages or other affirmative relief.

SECTION 7. Aggravating Circumstance. - If a more serious crime is committed during a road rage, the latter shall be considered an aggravating circumstance as provided under Article 14, Section 1 of the Revised Penal Code.

Section 8. Prohibited Defense. – Being under the influence or alcohol, any illicit drug, or any other mind-altering substance shall not be a defense under this Act.

SECTION 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). – to implement provisions of this Act, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), in coordination with the Land Transportation Office, shall promulgate the rules and regulations within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 10. Separability Clause. – If any part or provision of the Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other Provisions hereof which are not affected hereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, rules and regulation inconsistent with the provision of this Act hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. Effectivity. – This shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in two (2) national newspaper of the general circulation.

Approved.