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House Bill No. 5034



Introduced by Representative **John Marvin "Yul Servo" Nieto**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

As a manifestation of support to this timely piece of legislation, this representation respectfully refiles this bill, which has constantly been receiving support from the past and present congress.

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One of the biggest contributing factors to the high number of road related accidents in the Philippines is the disobedience of drivers to traffic law. While it may be argued that better traffic law enforcement is the proper remedy for the abovementioned problem, ensuring that the drivers are well-educated and well-informed on the country's traffic laws will surely help in improving the traffic situation.

The proposed legislation aims to require all motor vehicles to have a copy of the "Rules of the Road Handbook" which contains the rule on proper behavior, road safety, defensive driving, and traffic discipline. This also provides the concerned agencies an opportunity to ensure that the medium to be used is better suited to the needs of modern drivers.

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


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AN ACT COMPILING THE TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE PHILIPPINES INTO AN OFFICIAL "RULES OF THE ROAD HANDBOOK"

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"

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 here by 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.

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.* Failures 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 five hundred pesos (Php 500.00) for the second, and one thousand pesos (Php 1,000.00) 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,