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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Deplorably, many lives were snuffed out on account of drag racing in public roads, which occurs at an alarming rate. There was also an account of 2 buses outdoing each other on January 22, 2017 at a national highway in Sierra Bullones, Bohol in which 7 people were seriously injured.

Drag racing in public roads does not have a place in our society. A stringent measure should be enforced against this perilous activity.

Hence, the immediate passage of this urgent bill is most earnestly sought

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AN ACT

PROHIBITING DRAG RACING IN PUBLIC ROADS AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Drag Racing Ban Act."

SEC 2. The State shall promote the general welfare and safety of both pedestrians and motorists and hence, shall outlaw the practice of drag racing in public roads that jeopardizes the lives of the people on the road.

SEC. 3. a. Drag racing, that involves the employment of two or more private motor vehicles driven side by side within a specified distance at accelerating speeds with the objective to outdo each other, or the employment of motor vehicles not necessarily driven side by side over a common course for the purpose of determining the relative speeds or power of acceleration of the vehicles, is hereby declared banned or prohibited.

b. Drag racing, involving public utility vehicles randomly overtaking each other for the purpose of getting passengers first or merely for the purpose of outdistancing each other, is likewise prohibited.

SEC. 4. Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this Act shall pay a fine of not less than Three Hundred Thousand Pesos but not more than Five Hundred Thousand Pesos and/or imprisonment of one year.

SEC. 5. To fully implement the provisions of this Act, the Land Transportation Office shall issue rules, regulations, guidelines necessary to operationalize the intent and purpose of this Act.

SEC 6. This Act shall take effect thirty (30) days upon publication in the Official Gazette and in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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