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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1174



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RESOLUTION SEEKING STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF MMDA AND LGUs AND COMPLIANCE OF BIKERS TO TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS TO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY.

WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the State to improve road safety and to protect pedestrians, motorists, commuters and other riders in our streets towards the greater goal of economic and social development;

WHEREAS, road traffic injury accounts for a substantial human and economic burden globally. Understanding risk factors contributing to fatal injuries is of paramount importance;

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) in close coordination with the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) is set to establish bicycle lanes along the entire length of the EDSA;

WHEREAS, due to the suspension of public transportation in areas under ECQ, and mass transport facilities now operating at limited capacity in places under GCQ, many commuters have opted to use bicycles as an alternative mode of transportation;

WHEREAS, many cyclists continue to disregard and fail to recognize the value of adhering even to common road safety principles for cyclists like the use of front headlamp, rear blinker, reflectorized jacket/vest, helmet, and sunglasses;

WHEREAS, a number of studies have similarly found associations between bicycle crashes and a range of rider behaviors related to traffic regulations, such as running red lights, wrong way riding, riding side-by-side with another cyclist, riding on the sidewalk, stopping over pedestrian crossings, zigzagging through traffic, and riding rapidly, among others;

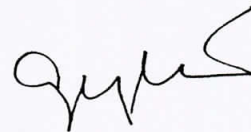
WHEREAS, data from the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority Metro Manila Accident Reporting and Analysis System (MMDA-MMARAS) showed that from

2017 to 2019, there were a total of 115 fatal and 4,789 non-fatal accidents related to bicycles;

WHEREAS, therefore, even with the establishment of bicycle lanes, willful violation and neglect of existing traffic and road safety rules by bikers can put many lives and property at risk if not accompanied by the deterrent power of the law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as it is hereby resolved by the **House of Representatives**, that it strongly urges the MMDA and the LGUs to efficiently implement traffic rules and to set strict penalties, up to the impounding of bicycles, to deter negligence and willful violations of all applicable traffic rules and road safety regulations upon implementation of the bicycle lane program in EDSA and other secondary roads in Metro Manila.

Adopted.



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