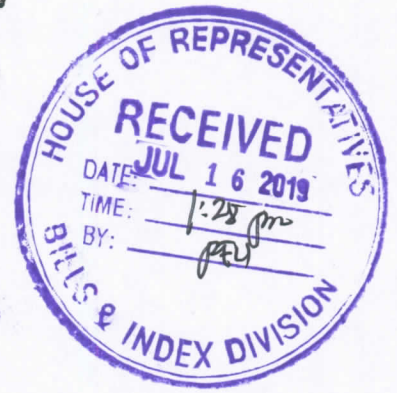


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Crimes specifically engendered on account of road rage take on a graver dimension. Recent incidents resulting from road rage have now raised this emerging phenomenon as a serious public safety concern.

Road rage is aggressive or angry behavior by a driver of an automobile or other road vehicle. Such behavior might include rude gestures, verbal insults, deliberately driving in an unsafe or threatening manner, or making threats. Road rage can lead to altercations, assaults, and collisions that result in injuries and even deaths. It can be thought of as an extreme case of aggressive driving.¹

Committing an offence under this situation aggravates the offence in that the aggressor lets out his unmitigated outburst in wanton disregard for social and ethical norms. The unbridled fury becomes uncontrollable exacerbating the severity of the wrongdoing.

On the part of the subject of aggression, the apprehension and anxiety are compounded by his ominous anticipation of an imminent danger. He also cringes from public humiliation that is brought about by the perception of the immediate surroundings/spectators.

Hence, committing criminal offences given rise to by road rage should constitute an aggravating circumstance. And the Revised Penal Code should be so amended as to include acts committed on account of road rage in the Aggravating Circumstances.

The immediate passage of this measure is prayed for.



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AN ACT
INCLUDING ACTS COMMITTED ON ACCOUNT OF ROAD RAGE IN THE
AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 14 OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED
PENAL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

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

SECTION 1. Article 14 is hereby amended as follows:

Art. 14. Aggravating circumstances. – The following are aggravating circumstances:

1. xxx

21. xxx

22. **THAT THE ACT BE COMMITTED ON ACCOUNT OF ROAD RAGE.**

SEC. 2. **Repealing Clause.** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders and their implementing rules, inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. **Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,