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HOUSE BILL NO. 2299



Introduced by **Rep. Precious Hipolito Castelo**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Cycling or biking has today become a well accepted transport modality that significantly contributes as a solution to the problem of heavy traffic or congestion on the road and the level of unwanted pollution coming from smoke emissions of running engines from road cars, vehicles, and trucks.

Cycling or biking is safe per se that it is even reported to contribute to good health for individuals across all ages and gender. This is true in many places in the Philippines and their number is growing. In fact, in many countries of the world, cyclists or bikers are a common sight and there seems to be no serious problem posed by this new transport modality.

This bill aims to promote the discipline among motorists and drivers of cars, vehicles, and trucks to respectfully and properly pass a cyclist with the strict observance of a set of simple rules as stipulated under this proposed measure. This way, it will prevent harm, injury, or death to any cyclist who also has every right to use the road just like car or vehicle or truck owners and drivers.

If everyone practices this road rule to share the road with cyclists or bikers, this will prevent the possible incidence of road rage that almost always ends up in killings with cyclists or bikers getting killed. If the ongoing share-the-road campaign is properly observed, then this will significantly prevent road accidents and injuries from happening.

In this light, the immediate passage of this bill is most sought for favourable approval, hence this submission


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AN ACT
STRICTLY IMPLEMENTING A SET OF SIMPLE RULES TO PROPERLY PASS A CYCLIST
CONSISTENT WITH 'SHARE THE ROAD' CAMPAIGN 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 "Sharing the Road with Cyclists Act."

SEC. 2. There shall hereby be strictly implemented a set of simple rules to respectfully and properly pass a cyclist and thereby enforcing the requisite safe passing distance of at least three (3) feet or one (1) meter.

These rules are as follows:

- a) Identify the cyclist
- b) Reduce your speed
- c) Check for hazards for you and the cyclist
- d) Do not attempt to pass within the lane
- e) There is not enough room to safely pass
- f) As the safe passing distance is three feet or one meter
- g) Check for hazards before passing
- h) Maintain a safe distance
- i) Watch for new hazards
- j) Pass at a safe distance
- k) Three feet or one meter minimum
- l) Share the road and respect the cyclist

SEC. 3. To effectively implement the provisions of this Act, the Land Transportation Office shall issue appropriate rules, regulations and guidelines to impose a set of rules upon motorists and drivers and non-observance of which shall be punishable with fines as said office may heretofore determine and post in its schedule of offenses, penalties, and fines.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect immediately upon approval and publication in the Official Gazette and three newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,