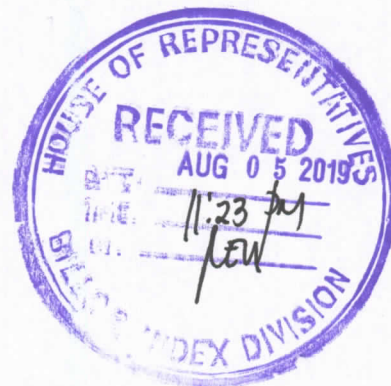


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HOUSE BILL NO. 3387



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Recent incidents and offenses resulting from road rages have now raised this emerging phenomenon as a serious public safety concern.

If unabated, it will cause harm and injury or even death to motorists on the road who might figure in an aggressive behavior from some drivers on our busy roads and highways.

An incident of such road rage that went viral is graphic of the attributes of road rage that might endanger not just the life of otherwise innocent passengers (i.e. taxi) or private cars (i.e. friends or relatives) as well as cause damage to property just because drivers cannot exercise sobriety reflective of aggressive or anti-social behavior.

There must have been countless cases of road rage that while not documented have become too alarming to be ignored or taken for granted in our own roads and highways alone owing largely to an unprecedented number of vehicles on the road 24/7. Thus before it becomes a serious problem going out of hand, this bill seeks to impose stringent penalties against drivers involved in road rage.

Comparatively, this problem is experienced in other countries like the USA and UK where according to a 2003 Gallup poll saw more road rage incidents with 80% of drivers reporting that they had been the target of road rage. Again, in the 2012 survey, it was reported that two thirds of drivers had been the victim of road rage at some point within the previous 12 months and 85% admitted to behavior within this period indicative of road rage.

It is not as if no solution could put an end to this rise in road rage. Punishments are in order if only to save countless motorists from every potential threat, harm, death, and damage to property and the dangers they pose to others at the scene of road rage.

In this light, this bill is deemed of urgent nature before each of the millions of motorists out there who might just become the unwitting victim of road rage. The immediate passage of this humble measure is therefore most earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
IMPOSING THE PENALTY OF TWO YEARS OF IMPRISONMENT AND/OR A FINE OF P200,000.00 AGAINST A DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE FOUND TO HAVE COMMITTED AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR INDICATIVE OF ROAD RAGE AND PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Road Rage Punishment Act."

SEC. 2. Road rage as defined under this Act encompasses a wide range of behavior from threatening words or gestures all the way up to actual assault. Between these two extremes can be found a variety of incidents, involving aggressive driving and potential property damage.

SEC. 3. The penalty of two years of imprisonment and/or a fine of P200,000.00 is hereby imposed against a driver of a motor vehicle found to have committed aggressive behavior indicative of road rage upon finding of due cause by a competent authority in charge of traffic and road safety.

However, if there is no basis enough to implicate a driver or would warrant finding guilt of road rage, the appropriate offense that could be charged would depend on what their rage drove them to do like charge of assault or bodily harm if the driver got out of their car and assaulted another driver, as the case may be.

SEC. 4. The Philippine National Police and the Land Transportation Office shall jointly issue appropriate rules, regulations, and guidelines to effectively implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. This Act shall take effect immediately upon approval and publication in the Official Gazette and at least three (3) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,