EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is declared policy of the State that education, including science and technology, arts, culture, and sports is a priority of the State. It is then the mandate of the government to provide a system of education including providing for a free public elementary and highschool. That is why the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines explicitly states that the highest budgetary priority shall be given to education. As such, it is mandate of the Department of Education to ensure that affordable and accessible education is accorded to every Filipino regardless of age, gender, and ability. That is why almost every year, the annual appropriations for the Department of Education is prioritized as a necessary tool for the over-all development and progress of our nation. In accordance to those mentioned above, this Representation is filing this bill for the creation of National High School in Barangay Santisima Trinidad, City of Malolos, in the First District of Bulacan to be known as the Santisima Trinidad National High School.

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SANTISIMA TRINIDAD, CITY OF MALOLOS, PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS SANTISIMA TRINIDAD NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. Establishment of a National High School. There is hereby establishment, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a National High School in Barangay Santisima, City of Malolos, Province of Bulacan, to be known as Santisima Trinidad National High School.

Section 2. Appropriations. The Secretary of Education shall immediately pinclude in the Department’s program, the operationalization of the Santisima Trinidad National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriation Act.

Section 3. Implementations. The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

Section 4. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved,
A Public Utility Vehicle (PUV) is engaged in the business of carrying or transporting passengers or goods, or both, for compensation, and offering such services to the general public. Article 1755 of the Civil Code provides that those engaged in the business of carrying or transporting passengers or goods, or both, is bound to carry the passengers and/or goods safely as far as human care and foresight can provide, using the utmost diligence of very cautious persons, with due regard for all circumstances. As such, all matters related to the operations of a PUV is imbued with public interest and necessitates strict regulation by the government.

At present, any driver who possesses a Professional Driver's License duly issued by the Land Transportation Office (LTO) can drive a PUV without regard to his skills, experience, attitude, regard for public safety and knowledge of traffic rules and regulations.

This set-up is quite dangerous as proven by many accidents that affected destroyed the lives, limbs and properties of persons which were later determined to be caused primarily by human error. Mechanical defects leading to accidents is greatly outnumbered by those traced to human errors. In short, PUV drivers, if not regulated properly and under more stringent measures, poses a clear danger to themselves and to the public.

The safety and well-being of the driver, the operator and the public must be measured. There is now a cogent reason to establish a system in the LTO that will ask for more requirements and conduct specialized training for PUV drivers. In addition, aside from the preventive measures mentioned, insurance coverage for all those injured or affected by an accident involving a PUV must be assured. Finally, to give more teeth to the law, stiffer penalties shall be imposed upon those who will violate the same.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is most respectfully sought.