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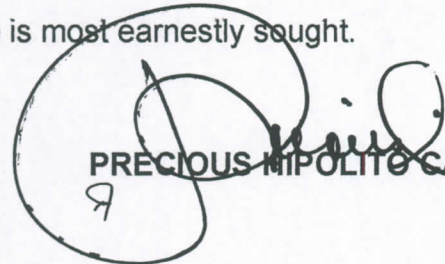
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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

A road mishap in recent history involving a 22-wheel truck along San Mateo Road that killed five people, for the most part, was due to the overload that the truck carried at the time. The truck was loaded with 60,000 kilograms of steel beams. Its payload is only 42,000 kilograms. The overload took its toll on the brakes, which could not be engaged. Hence, the disaster.

Severe penalties have to be meted out against those who load their trucks in excess of their payload and risk the lives and limbs of pedestrians and other motorists when they set out on the road.

The immediate passage of this timely measure is most earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**PRESCRIBING STIFFER PENALTIES TO OWNERS AND DRIVERS OF TRUCKS WHO**  
**LOAD THEM IN EXCESS OF THEIR PAYLOAD**

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

SECTION 1. Penalties. – Owners and drivers of trucks who are found to have loaded them in excess of their payload shall hereby pay separately a fine of not less than Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00) for the driver and not less than One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00) for the owner; suspension of driver's license and the revocation of business permit; and/or imprisonment of both owner and driver for a period of one (1) year.

SEC. 2. The Land Transportation Office (LTO) shall issue the appropriate rules and regulations to effectively carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*