Extensive efforts are being made to ensure public transportation services are reliable and efficient. The use of bicycles, particularly in urban areas, has been encouraged as a means of reducing traffic congestion and improving air quality. However, there are concerns about the limited availability of dedicated bicycle lanes and the safety of cyclists on busy roads.

The bicycle sector represents the biggest mode of public transportation in the Philippines. It is estimated that over 20 million people ride bicycles daily, making it a common and accessible mode of transport. Despite this, efforts are needed to improve the infrastructure and safety measures for cyclists.

**INTRODUCTORY NOTE**

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Since most of Filipino commuters rely heavily on tricycles as their means of transportation, sufficient measures must be implemented to ensure the driver safety skills and awareness. The proposed Tricycle Driver Safety Act seeks to establish tricycles driver safety training and motorist awareness programs at the national level. The proposed legislation has also directed the Land Transportation Office and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority to develop these programs.

To protect properties and the lives of tricycle drivers, passengers and pedestrians, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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Section 1. Short Title. — This Act shall be known as "The Motorcycle, Tricycle, and Motorist Awareness Program Act of 2021".

Section 2. Definition of Terms. — For purposes of this Act, the term:

A. "LTO" shall mean the Land Transportation Office.

B. "Motorist Awareness" shall mean individual or collective motorist awareness on the roadways.

C. "Motorcycle, Tricycle, and Pedestrian" shall mean any information or regulation that promotes the safe driving practices of both motorcyclists and tricyclists on or near roadways, and safe driving practices that avoid injury to pedestrians.

Development Authority:

P. TESDA shall mean the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority.

Having jurisdiction over the national regulation and the local government unit authority of the Transportation Office, and in coordination with the Land Transportation Office, a public awareness program designed to enhance motorists' awareness of the presence of motorcycles and motorcyclists on or near roadways shall be carried out.

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E. "Tricycle" shall mean a motor vehicle composed of a motorcycle with more than two (2) cylinders of five hundred cubic centimeters (500cc) engine capacity, with a single-wheel sidecar designed to accommodate three (3) passengers only including the driver; and

F. "Tricycle Drivers Safety Program" shall mean any formal program of instruction that provides accident avoidance and other safety-oriented operational skills to tricycle drivers, including innovative training to meet unique regional needs.

Section 3. Implementing Agency. - The LTO, with the assistance of TESDA, shall:

A. Develop and implement a nationwide Tricycle Drivers Safety Program in coordination with tricycle regulation offices of local government units;

B. Develop and implement a nationwide Motorist Awareness Program in coordination with the tricycle regulation offices of local government units;

C. Collect and analyze data on tricycle accidents and other information that can be used to monitor the effectiveness of the program and for research, technical assistance, and policy development; and

D. Provide continuous information and awareness campaigns to the target driver and the general public on transportation safety issues.

Section 4. Role of Local Government Units. - The office of each local government unit that is in-charge of regulating the tricycle sector in their jurisdiction shall ensure that tricycle drivers shall not operate without first undergoing the Tricycle Drivers Safety Program. A franchise shall not be granted until a certificate issued by the LTO to the driver/applicant has been presented.

Section 5. Appropriations. - To carry out the provision of this Act, such amount as may be necessary is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the National Treasury. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continuous operation of the program shall be included in the annual appropriations of the Land Transportation Office.
Section 6. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

Section 7. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 8. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,