EXPLANATORY NOTE

Road crashes involving motorcycle riders in the Philippines is becoming rampant. It may be caused by errant driving such as passing through sidewalks and driving in between lanes on highways. It may likewise be triggered by simple accidents which are unpredictable.

Riding a motorcycle is dangerous enough that traffic regulations must be implemented more strictly. Further, the State must gradually promote laws that will keep-up with the changing times so that new rules can be implemented appropriate enough to safeguard motorcycle riders. As a big step, this bill is being filed to strengthen Administrative Order AHS-2008-15 issued by the Land Transportation Office particularly on its definition of lane splitting.

Since the government has already made moves to make our roads safer for motorcyclists by establishing motorcycle lanes, passing in between vehicles moving on the same direction must be prohibited.

Rep. Ramon V. Guico III
AN ACT PENALIZING LANE SPLITTING OF MOTORCYCLES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFORE

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

SECTION 1. Short Title.—This Act shall be known as the “Anti Lane Splitting Law of 2019.”

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. — The State recognizes its responsibility to promote the welfare and general well-being of the public and take precautionary measures to ensure the safety of motorcycle riders. It is likewise the duty of the State to protect the motorist through the imposition of allowable manner of driving on public roads and highways by motorcycle riders.

SEC. 3. Definition of terms. — For purposes of this Act, these terms are defined as follows:

(a) Lane Splitting - shall mean any motorcycle, scooter, two or three wheeled motorized vehicle which shall share a lane already occupied by another vehicle in the highways.

(b) Highways – any thoroughfare, driveway, alley, public street, road, which is being used by the public.

(c) Motorcycle – any two or three-wheeled motor vehicle designed to convey people.
SEC. 3. Prohibited Act – No person while operating a motorcycle in a highway shall traverse in between two vehicles except to overtake. Any motorcycle stopping or passing through vehicles during traffic on a broken white line on highways shall likewise be considered as lane splitting.

SEC. 4. Penal Provision. -Any person who shall commit any of the aforementioned acts shall suffer the following penalties:

a. For the First Offense, the payment of a fine in the amount of P1,500;

b. For the Second Offense, the payment of a fine in the amount of P3,000; and

c. For the Third Offense, the payment of a fine in the amount of P5,000 and revocation of the individual's drivers license.

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause. – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of other provisions hereof.

SEC. 7. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect within fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,