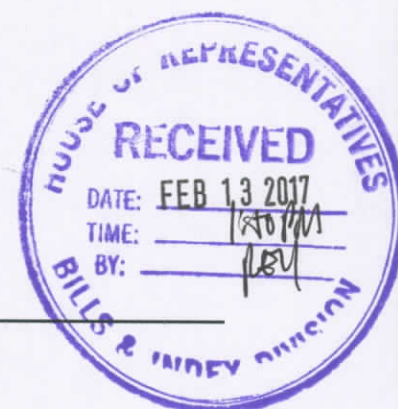


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 107

Submitted by the Committee on Transportation on FEB 13 2017

Re : House Resolution No. 779

Recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 651

Sponsor/s: Representatives Cesar V. Sarmiento

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Transportation to which was referred House Resolution No. 651 introduced by Rep. Cesar V. Sarmiento, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ‘WESTMINSTER DECLARATION’ AND DIRECTING THE CONCERNED LAND TRANSPORT AGENCIES TO FAITHFULLY IMPLEMENT THE ROAD SAFETY LAWS”

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Resolution No. 779 entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ‘WESTMINSTER DECLARATION’ AND URGING THE CONCERNED LAND TRANSPORT AGENCIES TO FAITHFULLY IMPLEMENT ROAD SAFETY LAWS”

be adopted in substitution of House Resolution No 651 with Rep. Cesar V. Sarmiento as author thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

HON. CESAR V. SARMIENTO
Chairman
Committee on Transportation

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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House Resolution No. 779

Introduced by Rep. **CESAR V. SARMIENTO**

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE "WESTMINSTER DECLARATION" AND URGING THE CONCERNED LAND TRANSPORT AGENCIES TO FAITHFULLY IMPLEMENT ROAD SAFETY LAWS

1 **WHEREAS**, per the 2015 Global Status Report on Road Safety of the
2 World Health Organization (WHO), road traffic accidents claim more than 1.25
3 million people every year and injure as many as 50 million individuals, with 90%
4 of the casualties occurring in low- and middle-income countries;

5 **WHEREAS**, in view of the scale of the road safety problem, the United
6 Nations General Assembly has launched the Decade of Action for Road Safety
7 (2011-2020), a global framework guiding national-level action with the goal of
8 reducing global road traffic deaths and injuries by 2020;

9 **WHEREAS**, while the WHO notes some progress on the 6th year of the
10 Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011-2020), it noted that many countries still
11 need to strengthen their road safety legislation;

12 **WHEREAS**, to provide "a platform for national and local parliamentarians
13 and legislators with an interest or responsibility for road safety to advocate for
14 improved laws," the WHO and the Towards Zero Foundation, in association with
15 the UK Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety, organized the
16 International Workshop and Launch of the Global Forum for Road Safety
17 Legislators last 12 December 2016 in London;

18 **WHEREAS**, the Chairperson of the House Committee on Transportation,
19 was nominated by the WHO to attend the event and reported on the road safety
20 situation and legislative priorities of the Philippines, observed the experiences of

1 other countries and committed, along with other parliamentarians, to advocate the
2 strengthening of road safety laws;

3 **WHEREAS**, a formal agreement dubbed as the “**Westminster**
4 **Declaration**”, was adopted by the Global Forum for Road Safety Legislators and
5 encourages parliamentary bodies to “adopt comprehensive laws on behavioural
6 and protective risk factors with a view towards increasing the proportion of
7 countries with comprehensive laws from 15% to 20% by 2020 and adopt measures
8 to fund road safety;”

9 **WHEREAS**, the Westminster Declaration is consistent with the UN General
10 Assembly Resolution *A/RES/70/260*, adopted on 15 April 2016, which invites
11 Member States to consider adopting comprehensive road safety legislation in
12 order to increase the number of countries with such legislation on risk factors such
13 as non-use of seat belts, child restraints and helmets; driving under the influence
14 of alcohol, overspeeding, and distracted or impaired driving;

15 **WHEREAS**, the House of Representatives has observed that, despite the
16 Philippines presently having a number of road safety laws, road safety risks can
17 still be observed nationwide largely due to ineffective law enforcement and
18 budgetary and personnel constraints;

19 **WHEREAS**, the number of road traffic accidents in the country remains
20 significant, with the Philippine National Police reporting 24,656 accidents in 2015,
21 with 1,040 people dead;

22 **WHEREAS**, road traffic injuries and deaths, considered by the WHO to be
23 “both predictable and preventable” can be addressed by strong multi-sectoral
24 partnerships that tackle road safety issues.

25 **NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the House
26 of Representatives expresses its full support to the Westminster Declaration
27 towards the reduction of road traffic deaths, injuries, and damages.

28 **RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the House of Representatives commits to
29 coordinate with the concerned implementing agencies and road safety advocates
30 in coming up with needed budgetary and regulatory laws, policies and strategies to
31 promote road safety and to exercise its oversight powers to ensure the proper
32 implementation of such road safety laws, policies and strategies.

1 **RESOLVED FINALLY**, that the House of Representatives urges the
2 Department of Transportation, Land Transportation Office, Land Transportation
3 Franchising and Regulatory Board, PNP-Highway Patrol Group, Metropolitan
4 Manila Development Authority and other concerned enforcement agencies
5 pursuant to their statutory duties and functions, to prevent the further loss of lives
6 and destruction of properties by faithfully implementing the road safety laws such
7 as:

- 8 1) Republic Act No. 8750 or "Seat Belts Use Act of 1999;"
- 9 2) Republic Act No. 10054 or the "Motorcycle Helmet Act of 2009;"
- 10 3) Republic Act No. 10586 or the "Anti-Drunk and Drugged Driving Act of
11 2013;"
- 12 4) Republic Act No. 10666 or "The Children's Safety on Motorcycle Act of
13 2015;"
- 14 5) Republic Act No. 10913 or "The Anti-Distracted Driving Act;" and
- 15 6) Republic Act No. 10916 or "The Road Speed Limiter Act of 2016."

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17 Adopted,

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