

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**HOUSE BILL NO. 5557**



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**Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE LEONARDO L. BABASA, JR.**

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Road traffic accidents have been one of the leading causes of death in the world. An estimated 1.25 million people are killed on the world's roads every year, and between 20 and 50 million people are seriously injured.<sup>1</sup>

In the Philippines, road traffic accident is accounted for over 10,000 deaths in the year 2017<sup>2</sup>. This is despite concrete efforts by the different agencies of the government in crafting and enforcing laws relative to road safety.

This bill seeks to require the teaching of road safety education as part of the curriculum of the K+12 program of the Department of Education. This humble Representation believes that it is through educating our leaders of tomorrow and start training them young that road safety consciousness will be instilled in their active and discovering minds.

Countless lives will also be spared when road safety consciousness is embedded in every DNA of our citizens.

It is therefore recommended that the foregoing bill be approved.

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<sup>1</sup> Global Road Safety Facility and Bloomberg Philanthropies; *The High Toll of Traffic Injuries* (2018 World Bank Report)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.worldlifeexpectancy.com/country-health-profile/philippines>

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**AN ACT INTEGRATING THE TEACHING OF ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION AS PART OF THE CURRICULUM OF THE K+12 PROGRAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

Section 1. **Declared Policy.** It is the duty of the State to promulgate policies that will ensure a safe, viable and dependable road safety system in the country in order to protect the welfare of the general public. Towards this end, the State shall put in place a mechanism to instill road safety awareness to our students as early as possible.

Section 2. **Road safety education.** Road safety education which includes but is not limited to pedestrian safety, car passenger safety, driving safety near roads, traffic signages, is hereby required to be part of the curriculum for the K+12 Program.

Section 3. **Promulgation of Rules.** The Department of Education (DepEd), in coordination with the Land Transportation Office (LTO) shall adopt the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

Section 4. **Funding source.** The funds needed for the purpose of implementing this Act shall be sourced from the Road Safety Fund which is 7.5% of the Motor Vehicle's User's Charge.

Section 5. **Repealing Clause.** All laws, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 7. **Effectivity.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,