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HOUSE BILL NO. 10609



Introduced by Representative Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Amidst the several surges of the Covid-19 pandemic, alternative modes to mass public transportation such as bicycles and motorcycles rose to answer the need for the transport of goods and passengers.

As part of the government's swift response to this need, 497 Kilometers of Bicycle Lanes in the form of pavement markings, physical separators, and road signages have been successfully funded and installed in the three metropolitan areas of the Philippines – Metro Manila, Metro Cebu, and Metro Davao. These bicycle lanes have been received with positive reviews and praise from cyclists and active transportation advocates.

However, these lanes are exclusively for bicycle use; leaving motorcycle users to either share the road with four wheel vehicles or encroach dangerously among bicycle users in the bike lanes.

With the staggering number of motorcycles registered in the Philippines rising to 7, 328, 116 as of December 2020, it is relevant now more than ever to consider allotting a lane specifically for motorcycles.

These lanes can be placed adjacent and parallel to the already established bicycle lanes as previously mentioned. Doing so makes it easier for both the builders and the end users. In addition to already existing bike lanes, the installation of adjacent bicycle and motorcycle lanes should be considered in other metropolitan areas of the country.

This bill seeks to legislate the conversion of the remaining portion of the last lane parallel to the previously installed bicycle lanes as motorcycle lanes on all roads that have the capacity to do so in all metropolitan centers and incorporate such

provision in their design of roads and other appropriate infrastructure that are yet to be constructed or are to be repaired.

In view of the foregoing, this passage of this measure is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MOTORCYCLE LANES
ADJACENT AND PARALLEL TO THE BICYCLE LANES ON
THE RIGHTMOST LANE OF THE ROAD AND
INCORPORATING THE SAME IN THE DESIGN AND
CONSTRUCTION OF ALL ROADS IN THE FUTURE WITHIN
THE METROPOLITAN CENTERS OF THE COUNTRY**

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

1 SECTION 1. The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)
2 and Department of Transportation (DoTr), in coordination with the Local
3 Government Unit (LGU) involved, shall provide for motorcycle lanes adjacent
4 and parallel to already established/installed bicycle lanes in the rightmost lane of
5 the road; *provided* that for LGUs that have not yet installed bicycle lanes, the
6 integration of motorcycle and bicycle lanes adjacent and parallel to each other
7 shall be incorporated in the designs and plans.

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9 SECTION 2. District Engineers shall place marks on existing main roads
10 and highways to indicate lanes for motorcycles, adjacent and parallel to bicycle
11 lanes as may be applicable. Any new road or highway constructed after the
12 effectivity of this Act shall not be approved and constructed without the required
13 motorcycle lanes.

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15 SECTION 3. The amount necessary for the marking of existing main roads
16 and highways shall be charged against the appropriations of the Department of
17 Public Works and Highways and/or Department of Transportation under the
18 current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the

19 maintenance of the lanes shall be included in the annual General Appropriations
20 Act.

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22 SECTION 4. Separability Clause. Any part or provision of this Act shall
23 be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, other parts or provisions hereof which
24 are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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26 SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. All laws; rules, regulations, orders,
27 memoranda or circulars inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or
28 modified accordingly.

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30 SECTION 7. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
31 publication in the Official Gazette or in any two (2) national newspapers of
32 general circulation.

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Approved,